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Soviet Makes Her Attitude Plain

The following statement was issued by the official Tass agency broadcast from Moscow last night:

"If German troops are at present in Bulgaria, or are being sent to Bulgaria, this is taking place without the knowledge or consent of the Soviet Union." — Reuter.

GERMANY STILL TALKING INVASION

AXIS PROPAGANDA is concentrating more and more deeply on an "invasion of Britain" angle.

Saturday's reference by Dr. Goebbels to a coming offensive was followed yesterday by a German radio commentator's statement that "what doesn't happen in a year may happen in a month."

Apparently realising that forces are driving Germany to take some desperate action, he continued: — "Britain will be beaten long before American help can become effective."

"You know what I mean if I mention the word—invasion."

Italy adopted the same line, and, writing in "Telegrafo," Signor Ansaldo says: —

"Germany has always had the greatest confidence in her ability to land in England."

"The people of the United States will find they are wrong in believing that Germany will give up her invasion plans." — Reuter.

London The Main Target

For the second night in succession London appeared to be the main target of the German air force last night, when bombs were dropped in various parts of the capital.

Anti-aircraft fighters as well as anti-aircraft guns were in action. Over the Thames Estuary raiders met intense A.A. fire and some bombs were jettisoned on marshland.

Other raiders were reported from Liverpool, a north-east town and the headquarters of a town in the North of England.

GREEK PUSH IN ALBANIA

THE STRONGEST GREEK PUSH IN ALBANIA AT THE MOMENT SEEMS TO BE IN THE NORTH, WHERE THEY HAVE ADVANCED FURTHER AND ARE SWINGING WEST TOWARDS ELBASAN.

The weather has been very poor lately, but in spite of heavy rain on Saturday, Greek troops in this area took another strategic point on the way to Elbasan.

Further south, there has been slight progress in the Moshkopolis region.

A Greek communique mentions the taking of 100 prisoners and much war material "during local mopping-up" — doubtless around Klissoura. — Reuter.

MORE U.S. SHARES CALLED IN

A further Treasury Order issued in London yesterday transfers a large number of additional American dollar securities to the British Treasury.

Stocks affected include American Tobacco Company 3 per cent cumulative preferred, Anaconda Copper, First National Bank of the City of New York, and Gen-

Somewhat Cryptic Broadcast By Prime Minister

THE BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER, M. FILOFF, IN A SPEECH AT RUSTCHUK YESTERDAY, POINTED OUT, ACCORDING TO A SOFIA TELEGRAM, THAT DESPITE BULGARIA'S DESIRE FOR PEACE SHE MIGHT HAVE TO GO THROUGH A "TRAGIC TIME."

M. Filoff, who has just been on a visit to Vienna, added: "The question of peace or war does not depend on the small countries."

The Government's policy, he said, had always been peaceful but at the same time revisionist, and "from the start we have desired revision and we continue to ask for peaceful revision."

Mentioning the cession of Southern Dobrudja to Bulgaria by Rumania, he said: "The Bulgarian Government is convinced it can go further along the same path, and would be happy if other injustices could be repaired."

M. Filoff affirmed that it was Bulgaria's duty to "be ready to defend our vital interests and to face up to any eventualities that might occur."

Mr. Filoff, who reaffirmed Bulgaria's policy of peace and neutrality and revision by peaceful means, showed discreet sympathy with the Axis and the "new order" in Europe, but carefully avoided any hint of the possibility of German intervention.

Roosevelt "Cataclysm"

He remarked: "The gigantic cataclysm caused by the speeches and decision of President Roosevelt may provoke a world war."

"Bulgaria must be cautious, for it is necessary to know not only who will conquer but how victory will be achieved."

"We see clearly that there will be a new Europe after the war, which will affect Bulgaria like other States."

Appeal For Calm

It was essential that Bulgaria should remain calm and show no partisanship. Bulgarians must be neither Germanophil nor Anglophil; only ready to sacrifice all for Bulgaria.

In another passage M. Filoff made another appeal to Bulgarians to "remain calm and ready for any emergency."

The Nazi, like the Communist system of government, was unsuitable for Bulgaria, he also said.

General Motors 4 1/2 cumulative preferred stock.

Sixty groups of bonds transferred include various issues of United States Treasury Bonds and certain bearer and registered bonds of Union Pacific Railway — Reuter.

The speech was broadcast by all Bulgarian radio stations.

Claim In Thrace

Meanwhile, the newly-signed Russo-German trade pact was termed by the Bulgarian press yesterday as "a reply to President Roosevelt's decision to help Britain."

The Sofia newspapers feel that a strengthening of Russo-German relations would be very beneficial for the maintenance of peace in the Balkans, and for Bulgaria's prospects of realising peacefully her revisionist claims, "first in western Thrace" — Reuter.

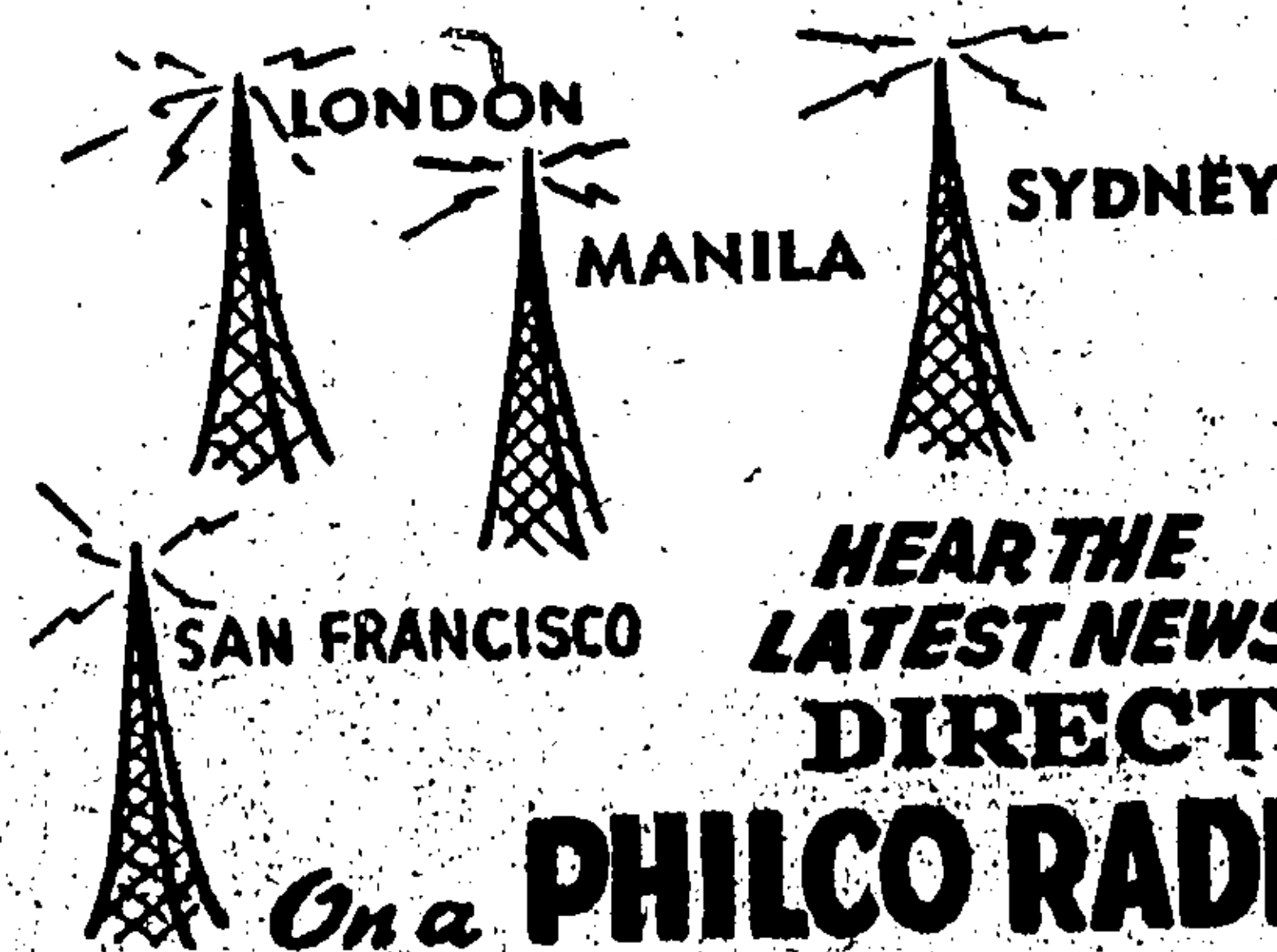
THREAT TO BOMB BANGKOK

Thai forces are continuing to advance into Cambodia and have seized further French positions, according to a Thai High Command communique in Bangkok yesterday.

The Thai air force is lending effective cooperation and severe fighting is developing, the communique continues.

Unofficial reports state that the Thai army has already occupied large stretches of Cambodian territory.

Thai bombers have raided many important towns in Indo-China. Hitherto no French aircraft have visited Bangkok, but every precaution has been taken and A.R.P. measures are in force. — Reuter.



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THE LEND-AND-LEASE BILL

Three Restrictive Amendments Considered Likely

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S Lend-and-Lend Bill is likely to be amended before it passes, but not seriously enough to interfere with the President's plans for aiding those fighting aggression.

As the result of conferences among Congressional leaders yesterday it seems probable that three amendments will be offered and probably accepted.

WARNER BROTHERS WAR FUND GIFT

WARNER BROTHERS, THE BIG AMERICAN FILM COMPANY, HAVE SENT A CONTRIBUTION TO BRITAIN'S "WAR PLANES" FUND.

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, has cabled his thanks to Warner Brothers for a gift of £6,000 for the purchase of a plane.

The money came from the American profits on the film "London Can Take It." — Reuter.

These are:

First, a provision that Britain shall put up some form of security against arms, planes and ships provided her, such as liens on metal and oil production and interests of Britain in the western hemisphere.

Second, limitation of the wide powers of the President to a fixed period, probably two years.

Third, expunging of provisions of the Bill allowing British warships to be reconditioned in American naval waters.

It is considered that none of these provisions seriously affects the main purpose of the Bill. — Reuter.

WENDELL WILLKIE TO VISIT ENGLAND

Mr. Wendell Willkie, the unsuccessful Presidential candidate, announced in Washington yesterday that he is going to England shortly as a private citizen to make a personal survey of the situation there and expects to stay two or three weeks. — Reuter.

RACE TO JOIN R.A.F. CADETS

There is a great race all over Britain to form air squadrons of boys between 16 and 18 years of age under the new R.A.F. pre-entry scheme.

Each squadron of the R.A.F. "prep school" — as the scheme is called — will be 200 strong and quotas have been given already to countries, cities and towns.

For instance, London is to have 86 squadrons, Lancashire 100, Glamorgan 24 and Birmingham 20.

About 700,000 boys from all walks of life are eligible, and the R.A.F. will soon have an immense reserve of youths to draw on for final training as gunners, pilots and air crews. — Reuter.

INDIA'S WORKERS AND WAR

IT IS THE INTERESTS OF INDIAN WORKERS THAT SUFFER FROM ANY MOVEMENT HINDERING THE WAR EFFORT, SAID THE LABOUR LEADER, MR. M. N. ROY, SPEAKING AT JAMSHEDPUR YESTERDAY.

Mr. Roy called on workers to stand shoulder to shoulder with the British worker who is "bearing the brunt of the responsibility of defending the world against the menace of Fascism."

He added: "We would be false to the international ideals of the Labour movement if we fail to extend a helping hand to our British comrades at this moment." — Reuter.

INDIA'S TIES WITH EGYPT

CORDIAL GREETINGS AND A MESSAGE OF THANKS TO THE INDIAN PEOPLES FOR THE WESTERN DESERT VICTORY WERE BROUGHT BY SIR SIKANDER HYAT KHAN, PREMIER OF THE PUNJAB, FROM HUSSEIN SIRRY PASHA, PRIME MINISTER OF EGYPT. The Egyptian Premier added: "India and Egypt are now closely linked by ties of blood. The



Ten men are needed on the ground for each pilot in the air and this picture, taken in a training centre shows mechanics, fitters and all classes of ground staff undergoing training. The aeroplane which is seen in the background of the picture is dismantled and assembled by the men for practical training. (Copyright, Fox).

A.T.S. Secret Critics Aid War Office

SECRET CRITICS have been at work in the A.T.S. They have sent confidential reports on the efficiency of each officer to the War Office. Some have been written by men at the head of departments to which A.T.S. girls are attached. Others are the work of women placed in authority by generals who are convinced of their ability.

But even the women officers who have made these reviews are the subject of reports by others holding higher positions still. Each woman is unaware of the identity of the man who is sending a confidential criticism to the War Office about her. Wholesale dismissals of A.T.S. officers are not expected, a reporter was told.

The documents called for because of complaints that many A.T.S. officers, particularly those holding high rank, received their commissions because of their social status before the war, will be considered by the highest military authorities.

Meanwhile, in the drive for greater efficiency, all senior commandants and chief commandants are now undergoing intensive training courses.

Their First and Only Camp

Their future will depend, to a large extent, on the result of examinations that will follow.

A selection committee has been set up to consider all applications for commissions.

A new ration scale, based in the special requirements of women as compared with the food needs of men, is now in operation.

Welfare officers are interviewing women and girls of all ranks and trying to remove the cause of some of the complaints which have been overlooked while the A.T.S. has been struggling to find its feet.

"It has to be remembered that the A.T.S. is a young branch of the Service," a senior staff officer of the Northern Command said. "It was not until September, 1938, that the idea of bringing women into the Army was made public by the War Minister."

blood of Indians shed for the sake of Egypt will always keep alive memories of the gallant defence of their country. — Reuter.

"They were recruited on a Territorial Army basis—not on the Regular Army footing on which they are now organised. They had their first and only camp in July, 1939."

"Responsible officers were appointed who had never had any experience. They have gained their experience as they have gone on. Some of us believe they have for the most part, done it extraordinarily well."

"Many of our women have left good jobs, good pay, and good homes. They are roughing it to-day to release men for the fighting units."

"Some have left snugly-furnished rooms of their own to live in requisitioned houses with no furniture except a little bed and a hard chair."

SWISS COMPLAIN

BRITISH PLANES ARE CLAIMED BY THE SWISS AUTHORITIES TO HAVE BEEN OVER SWITZERLAND ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

An Army communiqué issued in Bern yesterday morning says: "Foreign aircraft flew over the Lehigh and Jura region for several hours, coming from the north-west and leaving in the direction of Savoy. Defences went into action."

"After one plane had made a forced landing at Fribourg, it was established that the plane was British. — Reuter."

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STILL CLEANING UP DEBRIS OF LONDON FIRE RAID

MEN AND WOMEN by the hundred visited London yesterday to see the work done by the Pioneer Corps, Royal Engineers and demolition squads who have been clearing up the debris which resulted from the "fire" raid a fortnight ago.

Among the workers are Belgians, French, Norwegians and other refugees in Britain.

This fulfils the promise given by Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, who said some time ago that he would enrol an international labour force from the friendly aliens (estimated at about 250,000) now in the country.

He also promised that they would have the same wages and working conditions as British workers.

They are encouraged to enrol in national groups at jobs in which they are accustomed.

Thus, Norwegians go in for forestry, Czechs, the French and the Poles for engineering and a variety of work and Belgians and Netherlandsers at diamond cutting and polishing. — Reuter.

LONDON STORES BEAT RAIDERS

Staffs Sleep on Premises

Skeleton staffs sleeping on the premises, earlier closing and special facilities for employees with difficult journeys are among arrangements made by the big London stores to combat the effects of shortening daylight hours and longer night raids.

These are some of the steps they have taken.

Hotels. — Plans have been completed for sleeping nucleus of 500 on the premises. This is one-tenth of the whole personnel, and would enable the firm to carry on in an emergency.

This emergency staff will spend winter nights in basements equipped like an hotel. A snack bar, restaurant, smoke room, games parlour and radio lounge will be among the amenities.

The store already close at 5 p.m., and assistants with long or difficult journeys may ask their staff managers to allow them to leave earlier.

Bakers. — The closing hour is 5 p.m., but several assistants leave earlier. The policy, as at most stores, is to consider the customer. Gradually people are shopping earlier and leaving in time to allow shop girls to get home before the sirens sound.

Assistants' Resource

The staff manager of another store said: "The ingenuity and resource of our girls are amazing. Some of them have to use tram, train and bus on the homeward journey and others hitch-hike."

"They ask for lifts from drivers without a moment's hesitation. All members of our staff have shown extraordinary courage and adaptability in difficult circumstances."

Meanwhile the whole question of shop closing was discussed at the Home Office by a deputation representing shop and distribution workers throughout the country.

Points pressed by the deputation were the fixing of a general early closing hour applicable to all shops and distribution premises, to local authorities, to vary the hours where necessary.

DEVOTED SON ACCUSED OF MURDER

"This is a very tragic case . . . This man is charged with strangling his old mother to whom he was a most devoted son."

Prosecuting counsel said this at Old Street, London, Police Court when James Miller, forty-five, an A.R.P. worker, of Durant Street, Bethnal Green, appeared on remand charged with the murder of his mother, Ann Elizabeth Miller.

At a previous hearing Detective-Inspector O'Sullivan stated that Miller, when told he would be charged with murder, replied: "I did it to save her being dragged round to the shelters. She was suffering."

Miller had been employed on a rescue squad. Apparently that work had preyed on his mind, and lately he had been subdued and quiet, Mr. H. A. K. Morgan, prosecuting, told Mr. Langton, the magistrate.

He had been taking his mother, who was seventy-five,



A study in expressions as two Nazi airmen sit in a railway carriage prior to their departure to a prison camp. A picture at a London station. (Copyright, Fox).

to the Tube or some other shelter, and had been worried about her.

On the night of October 17-18 she was taken to a shelter by her two sons, Arthur and George, with whom she lived, and after they got back at 8 a.m. she was left in the house alone.

James Miller apparently went into the house, which was next door to his own, and strangled her.

Arthur Miller said his brother James was very fond of his mother.

Before joining the A.R.P. his brother was quite a happy man. Soon after he had joined he became morose.

Miller was committed for trial at the Old Bailey.

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700-MILE TREK THEN INTERNED

Penniless and famished, a Blackburn soldier walked 700 miles in four weeks after escaping from the Germans. Though now interned in unoccupied France, he hopes soon to rejoin his family.

He is Private George Roberts, of Trinity Street, who was reported missing after Dunkirk and later a prisoner in Germany.

He has now written home stating that he has escaped and has been interned by the French.

His letter was posted by an American in Gibraltar.

Private Roberts says that in four weeks he and a pal walked 700 miles. They had no money, were half-starved and were lucky to be alive.

"The American Consul is in charge of us out here," he writes, "and they say he is trying to get us home."

Private Roberts is thirty-two and has wife and two children. His regret was that he could not send them each a birthday card.

Did The Housework For Rich Wife

BELIEVED TO BE the first application of its kind, a husband who did all the housework for his wealthy wife was given £4 a week free of duty from her estate in place of a legacy of £1 a week.

The husband, Mr. Milbourne Silvester, of Prebend Gardens, Stamford Brook, W., now sixty-nine, who had given up his position as manager of licensed premises and devoted himself to his wealthy wife, applied to Mr. Justice Farwell in the Chancery Division under the Inheritance (Family Provision) Act, 1938, to increase the amount to £5 a week.

Mr. A. H. Droop, for Mr. Silvester, said he was forty-two when he married nearly twenty-seven years ago. He lived on amicable terms with his wife at Langdale Gardens, Hove, until her death last February.

Mrs. Silvester had no servant and the husband gave up his occupation to devote himself to her. He did all the housework and attended to her during several illnesses, she refusing to have a nurse.

In doing so he was prevented from earning his own living and making provision for his old age.

Mrs. Silvester left about £19,000. She gave certain legacies, annuities of £104 to her sister and brother, and the residue to the National

Lifeboat Institution, Dr. Barnardo's Homes and the Church Army.

There was no explanation in the will of why she gave her husband only £1 a week. It was a great surprise to him as they were on the best of terms.

Mr. Justice Farwell said that in the ordinary way he did not think that applications of this kind by husbands should be encouraged. A husband should be able to maintain himself.

"First On Record"

This, however, was an exceptional case, and in his view Mr. Silvester had reason to feel that his wife had not made proper provision for him.

He had devoted himself to his wife and now, at the age of sixty-nine, he suddenly found himself with only £1 a week and slight opportunities of earning anything.

The Judge said he had come to the conclusion that it was a case in which the Court ought to make some reasonable provision for the husband beyond this small sum, and he directed that Mr. Silvester should have an additional £3 a week, making in all £4 a week, free of duty.

A barrister told a reporter that there was no record of a similar application having been made in the English courts.

The Act came into force in July, 1939.

"This Act has been in force for many years in New Zealand and no doubt applications of this kind have been made in that country," the barrister added.

VICTIM TIED TO RESCUER

Crawling under the wreckage of a bombed tenement in London, the caretaker tied himself to an unconscious woman and they were then hauled out by A.R.P. workers.

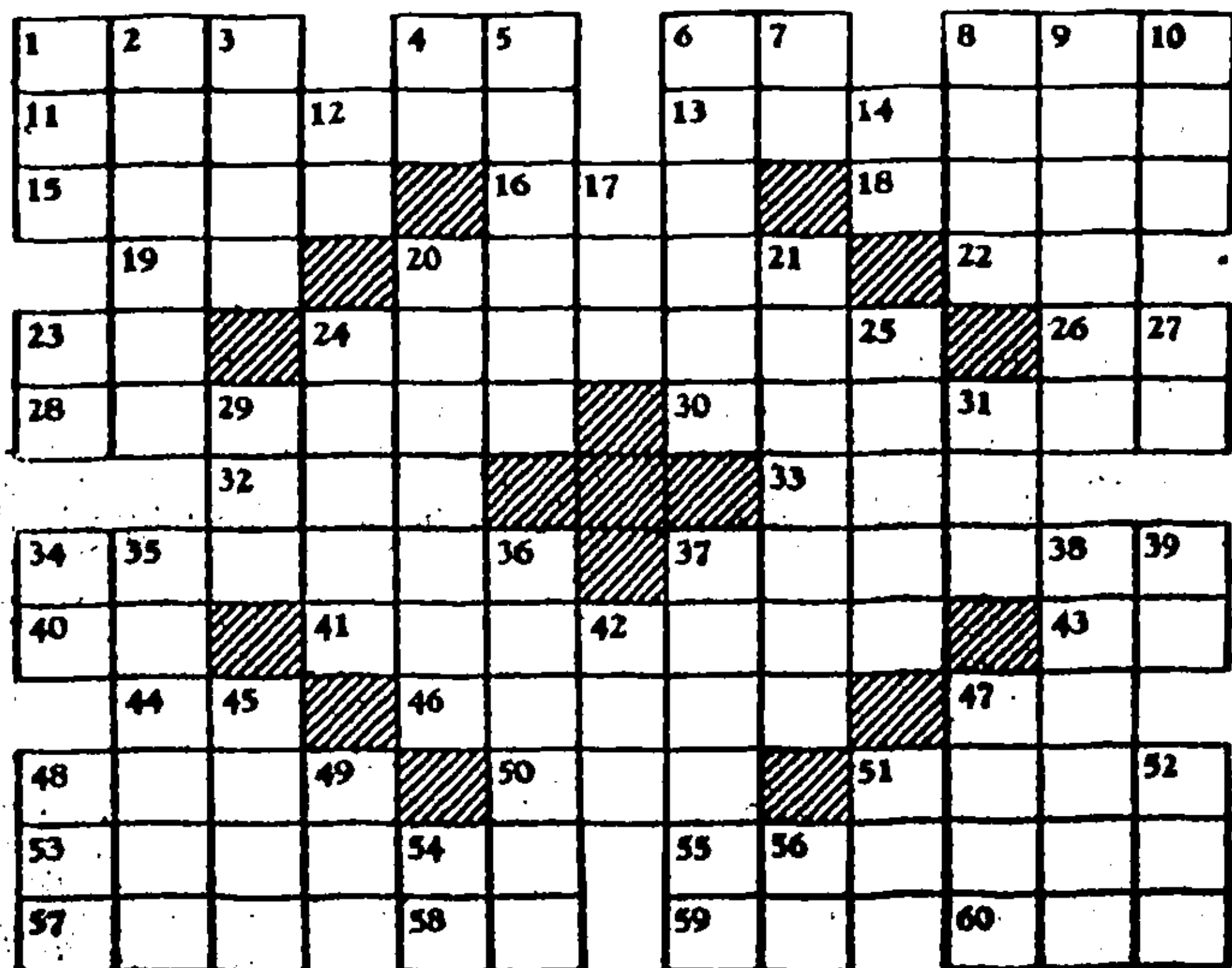
The woman is Mrs. H. Weddell. She is nearly eighty years of age.

One bomb hit the flat and another struck the shelter where 180 tenants had taken refuge.

Two emergency exits were cleared by the caretaker, Mr. H. Coates, and he got most of the tenants out safely.

About twenty people were buried under the debris, fourteen were extricated alive.

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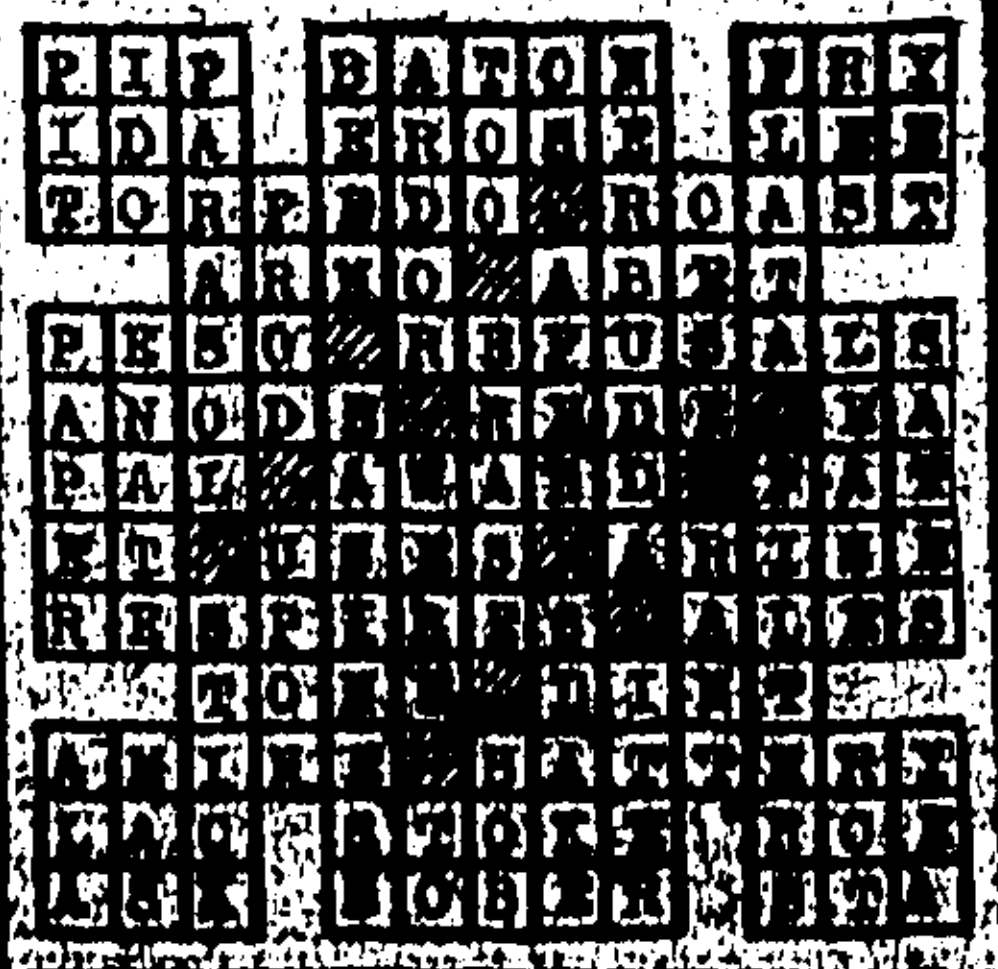


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20 Navigates
22 Spanish article
23 Symbol for iron
24 Whim
26 Babylonian deity
28 Compartment
30 Destress
32 Constellation
33 Poetic
34 To infuriate
37 Roman entertainment hall
40 Colossal
41 Young hare
43 Destress
44 To exist
45 Whim

47 Siberian river
48 Labour
50 To assume
51 On top of
53 To wear away
55 To clothe
57 Twisted character
58 Hypothetical force
59 Therefore
60 Nahoor sheep

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1 To perform
2 Digging implement
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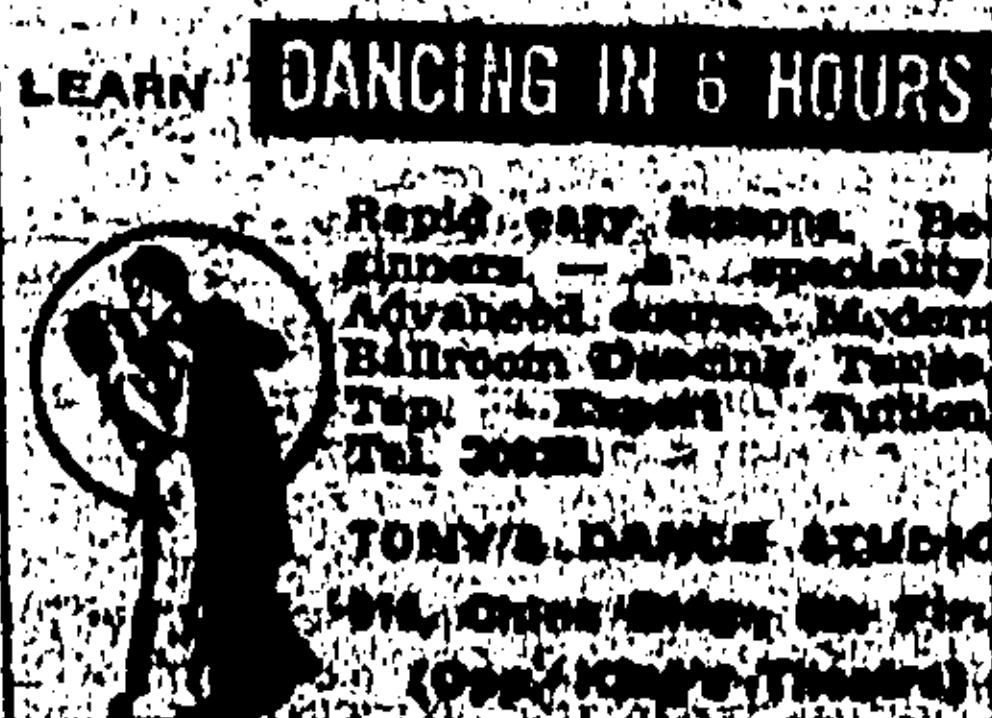
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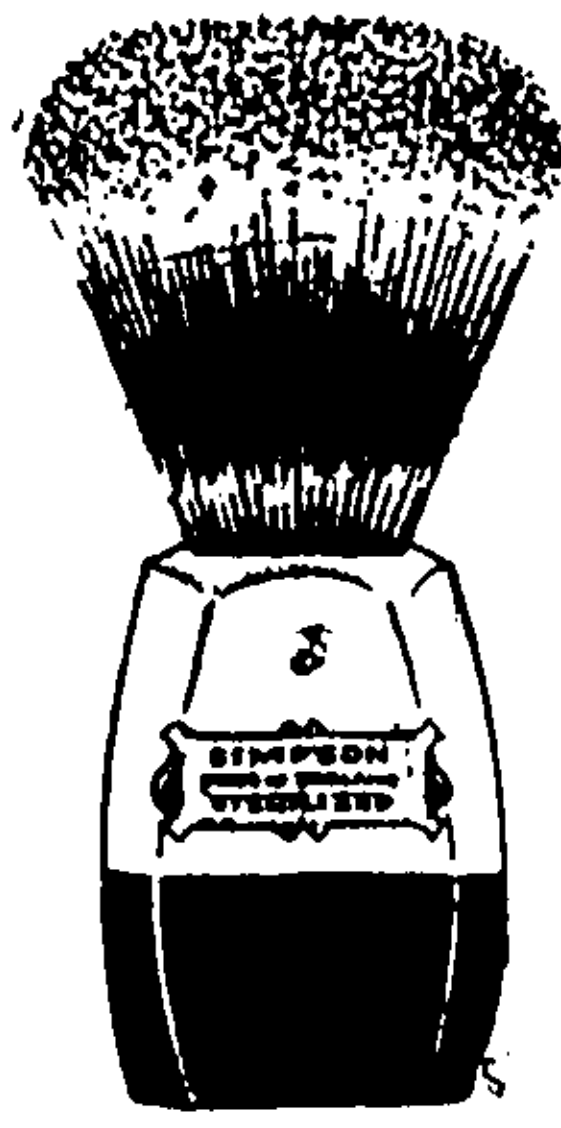
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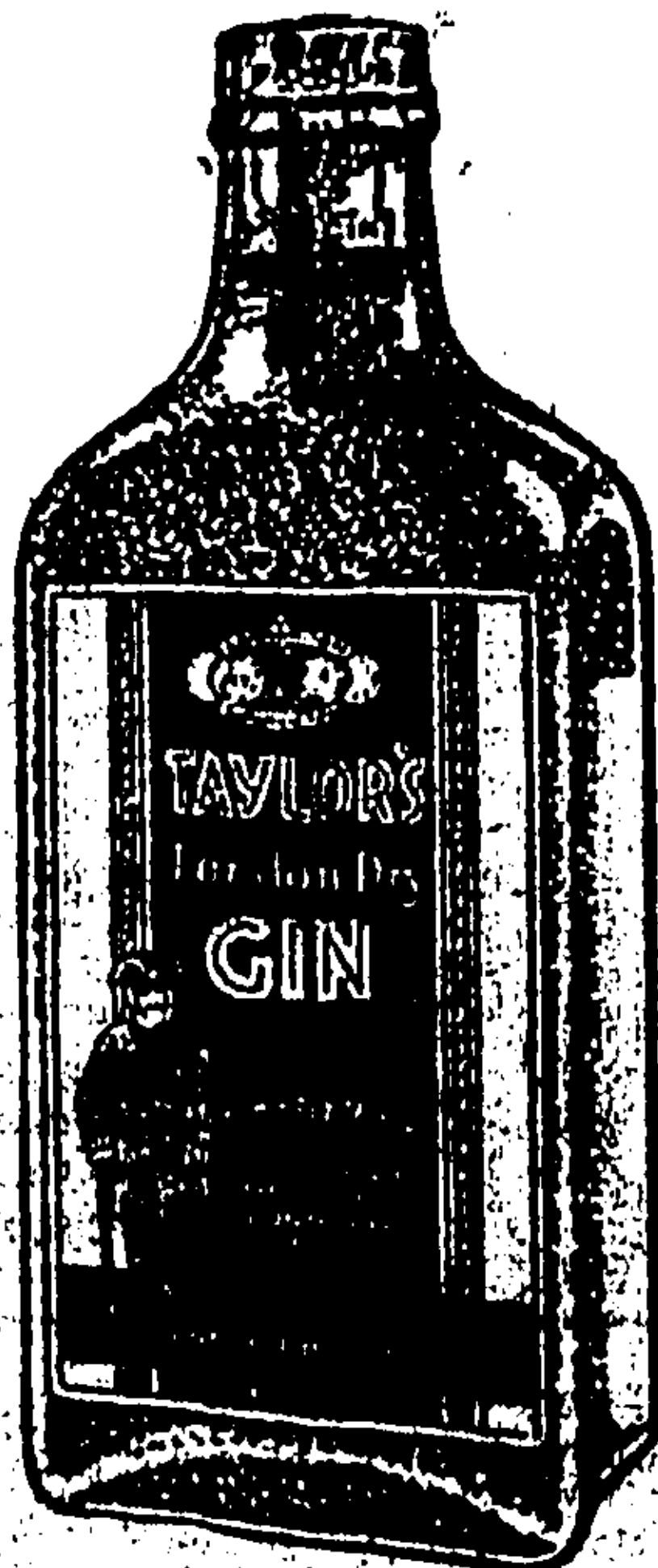
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A SOUTH-WEST COAST holiday camp containing 300 lame and crippled evacuee children was bombed by a lone Nazi raider, causing several casualties, some fatal. One of the victims was a crippled boy.

The children were sleeping in chalets when four bombs fell, and several chalets were blown to pieces. As police and A.R.P. workers engaged in their rescue work one little boy crawled out from under the wreckage to say that his chum underneath was dead. The children behaved with amazing composure. There was no crying or hysteria.

They calmly assembled under the welfare officers after the raid, picked up their beds and took them into the shelters nearby, where they spent the rest of the night.

The shelters were untouched, although only 12ft. away from one crater.

Eight enemy planes were brought down in raids on Britain which included a two-hour battle over the Channel and an attempt to attack an aerodrome on the south coast.

No British planes were lost.

Some people were killed and many injured when German bombers made low dive attacks on a south-west town.

Two German machines believed to have been engaged in the attack were brought down by R.A.F. fighters within a few miles of the scene.

Anti-aircraft guns destroyed a Dornier 24, a tri-motored flying-boat, not previously seen round our coasts.

One Against 30

A Hurricane pilot made a single-handed head-on attack on thirty Dornier 17 bombers over the mouth of the Thames.

When waves of raiders tried to cross the coast in the afternoon, anti-aircraft guns put up a curtain of shells and fighter planes flashed up.

Several formations of bombers fled in disorder, while another group of about twenty retreated and then turned inland further down the coast.

Some minutes later loud explosions came from the direction the planes had taken.

During the two-hour battle one of the raiders was shot down and crashed in flames.

Bombs were dropped in two towns, one in Essex and the other in South Wales, during the morning.

A dive bomber killed some railway men in Wales.

"MIKE" IS HIS OFFICE BOY

When callers on a Stockport firm press a bell-button in the outer office, a pleasant voice, apparently from nowhere, gives a cheery greeting and then asks, with deliberation, "Kindly state your business."

Waste paper is the firm's trade, but the management these days are determined not to waste time. So they are using an electrical office boy to send unwanted callers quickly on their way.

Up several flights of stairs, Mr. James Cookson, of Cookson and Lees, Ltd., Great Egerton Street, Stockport, supervises his staff of sorters and packers.

When the bell rings he speaks into a microphone. On the business of his visitor depends whether he goes down the stairs or stays put.

Mr. Cookson told a reporter that before the installation of the loud speaker the staff used to waste time every time they saw a caller who thought they could be bothered to go to the office.

80, DEFIES GERMANS

In a Bucharest flat which she entirely decorated herself, a white-haired Englishwoman, aged eighty, is carrying on undaunted by the departure of the British colony and the arrival of German troops.

She refused all Legation appeals to leave, and will stay till the war is over.

"I've been here forty-six years," she said, "and this is my second German occupation. I'm sure they won't touch me."

"Last time they tried to get me out in an old goods wagon crowded with wounded. This time I jolly well stay where I am."

The final batch of 120 British evacuees which left for Constanza included an English gardener and an English butler from the King's Palace, Sinaia, who stayed through the last German occupation, but this time they were advised to quit.

QUEEN RIDES IN ARMoured CAR

The Queen recently went for a ride in an armoured car in preference to the luxury of her own limousine.

She had been inspecting the armoured car, and was so impressed with it that she said she would like to have a ride. At the time she was about to leave in her limousine, and at her own suggestion the officer in charge of the armoured vehicle agreed to take her.

She sat in the seat immediately behind the driver, who was a trooper of the Royal Armoured Corps.

Throughout the journey the

POCKET HERO OF RAID

Buster Kane, sixteen years old, just over 5ft. tall, is the Pocket Hero of Dalston, E. He runs to the bombs instead of away from them.

Three times when night raiders have dropped bombs near his home, Buster has been first on the scene, risking his life to get victims out of the debris.

He so impressed a police officer with whom he worked that he is being recommended for the George Medal.

Working feverishly with bombs dropping and guns blazing, Buster ignored a big wall which threatened to crash at any moment, and helped the policeman to carry out victims from a shelter which had been hit.

Three minutes after they had carried the last victim to safety the wall crashed.

"Phew!" said Buster with a grin. "It was a near one."

Touch And Go

He was standing beside the stall in Ridley Road Market where he helps his mother during the day.

"That was a night, that was! We got about forty-three people out of a shelter, and it was touch and go. First of all we had to fight a fire, and I helped the firemen. Then I ran round to the back of the building and through the flames to reach the shelter."

"Another time I got three people out of a pub which was bombed."

"But don't make a fuss about this," he added modestly.

His mother, who was standing beside him, nudged him. "You'll cop it one of these nights, my boy," she said. But there was pride in her voice.

To me she said: "You'd never think that when he was born he was one of twins and weighed only two and a quarter pounds. He looks all right now, though."

"He's always been a devil. Never had any fear, he hasn't. Can't help being proud of him, y'know."

Queen questioned the officer about the mechanism, and expressed the opinion that it was quite a comfortable ride.

She was surprised at the ease with which the vehicle was handled.

VICHY DELAYS A BANISHMENT

JEAN ZAY, France's former Minister of Education, though sentenced to life deportation, is not to go until the war ends for fear that he might be rescued on the way to French Guiana.

He cannot be sent to the New Caledonia penal settlement because the colony adheres to General de Gaulle.

It is also felt that his sentence — and others — may be revised after the war. He will remain in a military prison.

From Paris it is reported that the population continues to increase as the inhabitants drift back. Police President Langemann estimates it at 2,000,000, or with the Seine Department suburbs, 3,500,000.

Expulsion of Jews from all municipal and public posts goes on. They now have to register in both occupied and unoccupied zones.

Even though the Germans are still on the move, many have taken advantage of the lull in the

Franco-Spanish frontier, and daily the Barcelona-Madrid train carries a score or more on the way, via Lisbon, to London or the United States.

They fear the whispered rumour that German occupation has been extended to the south of France when the Mediterranean winter campaign opens up.

Many Riviera hotels remain open, but the food shortage is beginning to make itself felt. Certain black-out regulations have been introduced, but the German demand for petrol to prevent British ships being the victims of a surprise attack has been generally accepted.

At the same time, the German demand for the evacuation of the French coast, with the exception of the Channel Islands, has been generally accepted.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

THE NAVAL BLOCKADE

Britain's most potent weapon against her foes is the constant pressure of the blockade. It was that slow, inevitable stranglehold that in the last war sapped Germany's stubborn powers of endurance so greatly that the country refused to face a fifth winter of privation, and collapsed in defeat. It is the same naval instrument that month by month constricts more and more uncomfortably the breathing room of Hitler's Germany. Certainly Germany will not lack for food and many other materials in this second winter of its totalitarian war. If there is any food famine in overrun Europe before next harvest, Germany will be directly responsible for it. As R. W. B. Clarke says in "Britain's Blockade," one of the latest of the authoritative Oxford Pamphlets, "As a long-term proposition the blockade of Nazi-dominated Europe cannot create starvation, much less famine, unless there is a catastrophic failure of harvest. Enough bread-grains can certainly be produced, supplemented by potatoes, to provide enough calories for every European."

The Nazis, in fact, are the only people who have it in their power to create starvation in Europe."

Britain has firmly turned down American proposals to send free food to Europe, not for any lack of humanitarian feeling towards the victims of Nazidom, but because of the treatment that Hoover's Relief Commission suffered at the hands of the Germans in the last war. To relieve hardship would give the less scrupulous Nazis a golden opportunity to evade their responsibilities, to make propaganda against Britain, and to get some free food, not only for the armies of occupation, but also for delivery to Germany, some of it to be turned into munitions.

During the last war, in Lloyd George's picturesque phrase, "the Allies floated to victory on a sea of oil." The oil consumption of Germany and Italy before this war was nearly 11 million tons a year. The present position must give the Axis Powers many premonitory alarms, even though they have gained the supplies of most of the occupied countries. The consumption of oil and petrol in the Blitzkrieg has been enormous, and the bombing of the hydrogenation

NATIONS, like individuals, feel stronger for the approbation of others in time of trial. It confirms their belief in their cause and in themselves. The moral support that comes from a sense of unity, if not of personal comradeship, is ill exchanged for the chilly, though splendid, isolation of the Athanasian attitude of one against all the rest.

That is why we read with such intense satisfaction favourable outside comment on any important development of British policy, and glow with special pleasure when, rising from the particular to the general, some authoritative voice pronounces a eulogy on English or British character. National policy must veer to some degree with the changing conditions of wind or sea: the essentials of character are more or less fixed with a certain assured quality of permanence.

The world has been full of our praise during the searching trials to which the fibre of the British people has been subjected. It has been no mere presentation of ceremonial bouquets. One can easily distinguish the frigid tribute of respect from the warm hand-clasp of friendship. We shall go forward with renewed confidence now that the faith of the outside world in England has manifestly been born again.

Hugo's Fine Phrase

It has helped to lift some of their worst apprehensions for themselves. The island bulwark of Freedom still stands. "Kepe thamyralte" was the advice of a sagacious counsellor 500 years ago, whose name unfortunately has been lost. The words have an odd look in their antique spelling, yet the sense is but thinly plated over. Keep the Admiralty is Tudor English for Rule the Waves. And this good counsellor added the reason why:

That we be maysters of the narrowe sea.

A month of grim fighting has convinced the world that Britain still keeps the Admiralty of the narrow seas and has added thereto

the Admiralty of the Air above it. Our friends have been most generous in their acknowledgment.

A recent "Message For To-Day" consisted of a passage from Victor Hugo which probably communicated to many readers a thrill of pure pleasure. It was so generous and so apposite. It was so cheering and so true.

"England may be justly proud of her colossal strength and god-like repose. Stretched upon a rock rests the genius of England. She waits her hour but counts not the hours between."

In what year that passage was written I do not know, nor have I had the courage to search the many volumes of the Great Romantic in hope of finding it. If it was penned during his 18 years of exile in Jersey and Guernsey, while he watched the full meridian splendour of the Third Em-

By J. B. FIRTH

pire and its sudden plunge into the dark, it may be observed that not all exiles are half so grateful to the land which gives them safe shelter from their enemies. Indeed, for every political exile, from the days of the French Terror to the Red, who expressed an appreciative understanding of England, a score remained conscious chiefly of their acute discomforts in strange and uncongenial surroundings, or, like the adder in the story, bit the hand which warmed them at its fires.

We may be the more grateful, therefore, to the supreme egotist, who scorned the ordinary vocabulary of abuse of "perfid Albion" and the like and lavished upon England so superb a panegyric. Mark, too, how it continues:

"Her virtue and her patience have triumphed. The lamp of her faith, kindled upon apostolic altars, burns as a beacon to mankind. Her example has regenerated the erring; her mildness has rebuked the rebellious; and her greatness has enchanted the good."

Whence did Hugo derive his simile of the genius of England stretched upon a rock, waiting for the hour and regardless of the

slow passage of the painful hours between? I suppose he was thinking of the old legend of Prometheus chained to his rock, with the vulture for ever plucking at his vitals, in punishment for his having stolen Fire from Heaven and bestowing it as the first of all blessings upon Man. And this Fire, which, "kindled upon apostolic altars," illumines the lamp of England's Faith, what is it but the light of Liberty and Freedom, which the evil forces in the world are for ever striving to put out?

Unqualified eulogy is tolerable only in epitaphs and epitaphs are for the dead. England lives and to live in a world of men is to blunder often and fall far short of the stature of perfection. But the will to approximate to perfection is there, and the national rule of life has never been quite obliterated even when achievement has sunk to its lowest level.

England has been pulled up with a sudden jerk many times after living too easily, too carelessly and too slothfully upon the honey in her hive. Liberty and Freedom have produced Democracy, and Democracy is the most difficult form of government yet invented and not the easiest, as so many of its most vehement advocates but worst friends would have us believe. For it encourages Make-Believe—the bubbles which please the eye as they float away into the inane or collapse at the first contact with hard reality. The Make-Believe that there would—and could—be no more war landed us where we are, but mercifully on our feet, wide-awake and in the mood for strenuous action.

'New Order' Spectre

"I think we must get rid of slavery" wrote a far-seeing American in 1856 "or we must get rid of Freedom." His compatriots had to fight a bitter Civil War a few years later to decide which they would retain and which reject. We in our turn are fighting the most desperate of all our wars to decide whether we are to get rid of Freedom or of Hitlerism, which, with Fascism and sundry

other variants is Freedom's implacable foe.

The "New Order" which Europe is offered by the Axis Powers is no more than a shrouded Shape, undefined in outline, but black and menacing, suggesting hidden terrors and oppressions, new subjections of body and mind, new infamies in tyranny and its instruments and new and more abject subserviences in the slave.

England stands for the Freedom that she has made her own through the centuries. Her free and unbanded eyes pierce the Shape and can trace the foul abominations which lurk within. The fate of the Czechs and the Poles—marked down for utter extermination as a State by the apostles of blood and iron from Bismarck onwards—is sufficient warning what would be our own.

"If a tyrant's hand descends on England, a conqueror with his armies, let none think to escape. None, say I. Is there one of English blood who while he lives will feel the joy as heretofore of primroses in spring, the scent of summer meadows, the carolling of birds, the good fellowship of market day? The very laughter of the children will be hollow. We shall be a different people. Mr. Speaker, we are not of different fibre from our forebears."

Thus Mr. Pitt, in one of his rarest moods, in 1803, and the moving sentences refute the libel that he was cold and bloodless. Every word is no less true of today, save that it would be reckoned a crime for our children to laugh at all.

England has risen to a peak of greatness which, in Victor Hugo's phrase, has "enchanted the good." Who are the good? They are the good citizens, the good, decent folk of every nation throughout the world who fondly cherish either the actuality or the memory of Public Faith and Public Liberty as the secular religion of the State. They rejoice to know England once more "backed by God and the sea" and presenting a dauntless front to embattled hatred.

It always gives me singular pleasure when I light upon outspoken and ungrudging tributes paid by eminent Americans to the English character as being the nearest in kind to their own. Happily, there have always been such Americans, even when Anglo-American relations have been at their worst, who have not shrunk from proclaiming their faith in Great Britain as one of the strongest pillars of political Liberty.

Ignoring the froth and spume of current controversies, refusing to be swayed by this section or that of American opinion which has had its own reasons for nursing an ancient grudge with England; unmoved by transient squabbles over boundaries and tariffs or resentments at ill-kept pledges, or what has seemed a wilful lack of sympathy and understanding, these Americans have never doubted that the British people were like-minded with themselves on the major problems of public and private conduct. The blood tie counts each year for less and less as the earliest strains become more diluted. What matters now is similarity or identity of ideal, codes of conduct, rules of life.

Freedom Is At Stake

Let us cherish fine sayings like these and forget the querulous fault-finding of lesser men. The United States have recently sent many of their shrewd observers over here to see how the English could stand up to the Blitzkrieg, how they could take severe punishment; and to discover whether they had a sporting chance. Such of their reports as I have seen breathe the kindness not of pity but admiration—just as one would have it be.

As in 1916, so now. Then: Mr. Page, the United States Ambassador, while protesting that he "daily grow stronger in his Americanism—real Americanism, not the hyphenated counterfeit"—declared his belief that "the only invincible thing in Europe are these same English." And he added, "Just when you'd like to hang them for their stupidity, you become aware of such noble stuff in them that you thank God that they were your ancestors. And Europe would be a bloody slave pen to-day but for them."

More than half Europe actually is a "bloody slave pen" to-day, thanks to Hitler. The best hope of the slaves lies in the prowess of the fight men of Britain and the Dominions, and the solid endurance of the ordinary men and women of what Kipling loved to call the Empire.

How To Conquer U.S.A.

(Condensed from the book "Nichi Bei Sen Chikashi" (Japanese-United States War Imminent), published in Tokyo).

WHEN and where a Japanese-American war will be fought we cannot say. No matter from what motives hostilities may come to be opened, or whether we assume the offensive or the defensive, there can be no doubt that Hawaii will be the most important strategic point in a war between America and Japan.

Success or failure in the struggle for this strategic point will prove a decisive factor in the war. With the Hawaiian Islands as her base of operations, America could bomb Tokyo or Osaka without

plants in Germany by the R.A.F. has reduced that expensive method of extracting petrol from coal by 50 to 80 per cent. Italy, of course, has no coal of its own, and only a small oil well in Albania, now in the battle zone. Rumania supplies probably 6 million tons. Of Russia's output Stalin can spare almost as little to Germany as he can foodstuffs. Under the blockade, with railway bottlenecks, sabotage, and a frozen Danube, the Nazi outlook on its oil future is a bleak one. Already the current supplies available to Europe are less than one-half of peace consumption. Germany and Italy will sooner or later float to defeat on an ebb-tide of oil. The mechanised tanks of Germany and its clouds of dive-bombers, bereft of oil, become mere lifeless ironmongery.

much difficulty, provided she uses aeroplanes and airships of superior quality.

While Hawaii is an American possession, Japan would have to remain on the defensive. But if, on the contrary, Japan occupies the islands, her fleet would find itself in a position not only to assume the offensive, but also to bomb the cities on the west coast of America.

In a war with America, therefore, we must at all costs, even at the sacrifice of a few vessels, take possession of Hawaii. The distance between Hawaii and the

By Kiykatsu Sato

American continent is a little smaller than that between the islands and Japan. This would mean that at the outbreak of hostilities the American fleet or fleets of warships would be able to get to the islands before the Japanese, in so far as both fleets have the same speed. For this reason our navy must needs possess ships far speedier than American.

If the main squadron of America were in the Hawaiian waters at the outbreak of war, then a clash between the American and Japanese main fleets would have to take place somewhere between the islands and Yokohama. Should our navy emerge victorious from this battle, it would be able to occupy Hawaii, and its subsequent operations would be facilitated.

The opposite result of this battle would compel the Japanese Navy to remain on the defensive and would render its operations extremely difficult. The great thing is, therefore, for Japan to see that hostilities are opened before the main strength of the American Fleet is brought to Hawaii and that her naval operations take place with lightning speed.

The struggle for Hawaii thus constitutes the first stage of a Japanese-American war. On the assumption that Hawaii was captured by our navy, the Japanese forces would undertake, as the next step, the task of destroying the Panama Canal and the main squadron of America.

If the Japanese Navy succeeded in crushing the American Fleet in the Pacific, landing on the West coast of America would become easy.

At the same time the Panama Canal must be destroyed, as the maintenance of traffic through it would facilitate supplies to the American Navy.

Attacks should be made on the canal by an effective air fleet. The destruction of the canal and the American Fleet would literally be half the battle. Thus would end the second period of the war.

The third period would begin with a landing of Japanese forces on the western coast of the American continent and the work of destroying the cities and naval ports on the west.

The next course would be to form the main line of defence along the Rocky Mountains, so that our military troops might be massed in the occupied areas along the coast.

Preparations made west of the Rockies, our army would now take the offensive and advance towards the east coast. This would usher in the fourth and the last period of the war.

Each period would probably last one or two years; the third and the fourth periods would last the longest. Thus the war would last at least six or seven years; it might even drag out to last longer. If and when Japan, forestalled by America, finds it impossible to occupy Hawaii, her navy would see the wisdom of deferring a decisive battle with the American ships till full preparations were completed.

Meanwhile, our coast might be subjected to bombardment and the main cities to attacks from the air. Our army would have to defend the coast facing the Pacific and stave off the enemy's landing, while our flotillas of destroyers and submarines would watch for an opportunity of attacking the enemy's capital ships.

When thoroughly ready, our main squadron would go forth and battle decisively with the enemy's. A victory for the Japanese Navy would naturally be followed by the capture of Hawaii and other operations, as described before.

Whether Japan acts on the offensive or on the defensive, a war with America would certainly be a protracted one involving much sacrifice and demanding the utmost efforts and indomitable perseverance of the nation as a whole.



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SHELTER WITH 1,000 HIT BY BOMB

A HIGH-EXPLOSIVE bomb scored a direct hit on a shelter in a London Square during night raids — but of the thousand people taking refuge there only two women were injured. They were buried under part of the shelter and had to be dug out by police and wardens. Three people who were in the road when the bomb burst were also injured.

A woman who was in the shelter said: "I was lying near the wall when there was a terrific explosion. The electric lights went out and the smell of burning powder made us think for a moment that gas had been used."

"But the wardens soon restored order, and in a short while had instituted emergency lighting with hurricane lanterns."

The London area had two raid warnings during the night: the first, lasting seven hours thirty-five minutes, was the longest of the war. Twenty-eight minutes after the "All clear" there was another warning, which lasted only thirty-four minutes. There were a number of casualties.

A bomb burst in a square in front of a block of tenement houses, breaking windows—but a row of old houses on the other side of the street, due for demolition, was practically destroyed.

Risked Life For Depot

A store in a busy thoroughfare was hit, and people in a shelter at the side escaped, with few exceptions, unhurt. The only casualties were from glass.

Bombs fell on a railway station in an eastern suburb, disorganising traffic for a short time.

For the fourteenth successive night enemy raiders were over the Midlands. Bombs fell on a small works at one town and two casualties are reported.

Circled by flames from a spurtling incendiary bomb, a man and a nineteen-year-old boy drove a blazing lorry from a bombed garage into a London street.

They knew that at any moment they might be blown to pieces, but they took the risk to save a clothing depot.

The youth Arthur Mitchell, and the man, John Garvin, were at work late while colleagues were trying to find them to congratulate them on their heroism.

Gallant Losing Battle

Incendiary bombs from a "Molotov bread-basket" rained on the suburb in which they live, shortly before dawn. One bomb fell on the garage, pierced the roof, and landed on a two-ton lorry laden with children's clothing.

Seeing the bomb fall, John Garvin ran from his home with a stirrup pump and burst into the garage. He was joined by other helpers.

They fought the fire, but it was a losing battle. The lorry was burning furiously, the flames were spreading, and the entire building was in danger.

Without heeding the risk, Garvin, a motor-driver, leaped into the cabin of the lorry in an attempt to drive it into the street. But the ignition key was missing. It had been hidden by the lorry driver.

Display of Grit

Then young Mitchell ran into the garage. He jumped through a sheet of flame into the cabin, snatched the key from its place of concealment—beneath the dashboard—gave it to Garvin, and together the rescuers got the lorry into the street.

"It was a grand display of grit," said an eye-witness, "and between them they saved the whole depot. I have no doubt the entire building would have been destroyed."

"It needed real pluck to drive that lorry knowing that at any moment the petrol might explode and blow them to pieces, or that they might be trapped in the cabin and roasted to death."

BOMBED HIS SPECS.

Turn of the head to speak to the man beside him saved Mr. Leon Dattner, of Golders Green, London, when a night raider bombed a bus on the outskirts of London.

A piece of bomb casing, passing through the tiny opening between his face and the side-piece of his spectacles, flew through a lens.

The splinter would have penetrated his head if he had not turned to a fellow-traveller to say: "Why is there no bombing?"

Mr. Dattner, a Polish business man now awaiting his call-up to the Polish Army, was dozing in the bus when it swerved violently to avoid colliding with a car carrying full headlights.

"The swerve woke me up," Mr. Dattner told a reporter. "I thought that travelling with such headlights was inviting the enemy to bomb us."

"I turned to the man beside me and said: 'Why is there no bombing?'"

"That moment came a terrible crash and explosion. A bomb had dropped. It had fallen about six yards away. One or two people were wounded by splinters."

CANADIAN'S MOBILE GAS DEFENCE

Canadian troops were the first to experience the horrors of gas in the last war. To the equipment of the Canadian forces in the present war has been added

"CHASE": AND THE NAVY DID

British warships going full speed ahead in pursuit of four enemy destroyers, saw the enemy turn broadside to fire torpedoes.

The British ships did not alter course immediately—this would have meant losing ground—but held on their course, skilfully manoeuvred to dodge the torpedoes and went on with the chase.

This story of the running fight with fleeing German destroyers 100 miles south-west of Land's End was told by a correspondent who was in one of the British warships.

Harried From The Air

Nelson's famous signal "Chase" was again run up to the yardarm when the enemy was sighted late in the evening he says.

With the famous signal, which exists in no other navy but the British, our forces opened fire at extreme range.

The biggest thrill was the quick movement to dodge the torpedoes but there was plenty of excitement later when enemy bombers attacked.

Not a hit was registered, though some of the bombs fell close in an attack which was described by the flotilla commander as a magnificent anti-aircraft practice "shoot."

Under cover of the growing darkness the enemy was able to escape, though the pursuit was kept up till we were within thirty miles of Brest and he was being harried by our planes all the time.

Thought Again

Germany has just discovered where the action took place. Goebbels's first version was that the German ships approached the Bristol Channel, sighted the British ships and chased them into the Channel after hitting one with a torpedo.

Later they thought again and issued a fresh communique. It makes the same extravagant claims as the other, except that it now confirms the Admiralty statement as to the scene of the chase.

a new unit to protect them if they meet gas again.

Under the direction of a prominent Montreal medical specialist there has been set up a chemical warfare defence laboratory on wheels, which will operate in front-line areas and ascertain at once the nature of any new gas the enemy may use.

GHOST TOWN IS READY FOR THE INVADERS

By A Special Correspondent

THIS PART of the English coast is a country of flat roads, inland waterways, barricaded streets, barbed-wire and pill-boxed beaches, ready for the invaders. Many of the inhabitants have left but those who remain are eager to see the invaders and will be disappointed if Hitler abandons his plans.

To walk about after dark is to be the only human out, with the ring of your shoes as a mocking echo from the thousands of ghosts who inhabit the houses of people who have gone away.

Number one topic of conversation is the invasion, and people have decided that Hitler's armies will come first to the East Anglian coast.

Girls Disappointed

For the older residents the invasion threat is no novelty. During the early part of the last war leaflets about what to do in the case of attempted enemy landings were distributed in some places on this part of the coast. They were put aside and forgotten.

At the week-end all boys up by Mr. Churchill's invasion

warning—the shop girls were disappointed a bit when after waiting and watching on the sea front until midnight, they didn't see anything or it.

They had to go home to bed, but many people sat up at open windows on the sea front for hours, just waiting.

There is no alarm, though the air-raid buzzers as they call the sirens, sounds often in a good many coastal towns.

The picture palaces are full, the pubs, too, and the two dances a week always attract more girls than there are sailors and sailors to partner them.

WAR IN HARDY'S COUNTRY

(By A Special Correspondent)

A TOUR OF THE AREA of the Southern Command embraces Thomas Hardy's country — there can be no secret about that. How the poet of "The Dynasts" would have been stirred by the sights that are to-day to be seen in his Wessex!

The swarming of uniformed men, the multiplication of defensive works, the nightly whirr of sinister aircraft, the huge diagrams that the search-lights draw across the sky — all these would have been matter for the author of the great drama of another time, when

England stood forth to the sword of Napoleon
Nakedly — not an ally in support of her.

Hardy would have found a subject for ironical treatment in the disproportion that there often is between the tremendous apparatus of the German raiders, and the meanness of their destructiveness. A bombing aeroplane, the latest word in human science and ingenuity, comes fiercely in from the sea with a mission to strike a blow at the heart of England. What it accomplishes may merely be the random wrecking of an ancient, primitive moorland cottage miles from anywhere. A subject for Hardy's verse!

And then there is the strangeness of the militarised holiday beaches. These are not altogether deserted by their old frequenters. But for every pair of white flannelled trousers to be seen those of khaki number hundreds.

Gaps For Bathers

Bathers go down to the sea through occasional gaps in the wire. Bandstand and tea-shop find grim new neighbours alongside them on the promenade, neighbours that have sprung up overnight like mushrooms, but mushrooms of concrete.

What, above all, needs a Hardy to do justice to it is the spirit of the men now guarding the Wessex coasts. In one region the anti-aircraft batteries are manned by Cornish territorials. They spent tedious months with few or no targets. Now the war has come to them; and a brigadier, himself a Cornishman, told me that when leave is due, they are reluctant to go, so keen are they not to be out of a scrap.

Every day adds to their experience and technique. The gunner considers himself a privileged fellow. His job calls for quick wits and initiative. He knows that the humblest member of the battery can make his individual contribution.

Ordeal in France

Some of these batteries have been through the ordeal of the French campaign. I know one, an Ulster unit, which in May and June fought its way from the Belgian frontier back to Normandy. At Charbourg it defended the embarkation of the Highland and Mechanised Divisions, and was in action down to 10 o'clock at night on June 18.

At 10 minutes past 10 that evening orders came to pack up. Half an hour later the guns were at the harbour, and by 11 o'clock were on board and the ship was pulling out. One gun only, the last, was lost through the collapse of a crane.

These Ulstermen, a first-rate lot of fellows now in position somewhere in the Southern Command, are re-equipped to their great satisfaction.

Many times in recent weeks I have watched air fighting, only to be baffled by the poor view that ordinary field-glasses give of the details of battles high in the blue. The public should know that the anti-aircraft equipment gives the gunners a close-up of events happening miles up in the sky.

Defending The Beaches

The beaches in the area of the Southern Command are very numerous and call for different measures of defence. Some are exposed to the full force of the Atlantic. And while, in the golden holiday weather of recent days, they looked easily enough accessible, autumn brings its formidable rollers.

The defences of the beach vary also according to the pos-

RAIDER SHAKES HIS FIST

During a daylight Alert in London, people in a street gunned by a lone raider saw one of the crew lean out and shake his fist at them from a height of 50ft.

This plane, a fighter-bomber with a crew of three, was one of several which swept low out of cloud and mist to machine-gun districts in London and East Anglia.

It dived to within 80ft of the ground before opening fire with machine-guns and a cannon.

Then, banking, it came 30ft. lower. The crew did not fire again, but the man behind the pilot shook his fist.

A dive-raider narrowly missed house-tops in another London area. People in the streets, and in a park ran for shelter. None was hurt.

Bomb In Room

Several bombs were dropped. People returning from church were in the streets of these two districts. There were several casualties.

Houses were demolished by bombs and there were casualties, some fatal.

A.A. guns fired and the bomber was seen with black smoke pouring from its tail.

A plane, flying a few feet above the roof tops, machine-gunned several streets in a working-class district of an East Anglian town.

Bullets and broken glass flew into scores of rooms where families were having their tea, but no one was seriously injured.

Mr. H. W. Smith, seventy-one-year-old pensioner, and his housekeeper, Mrs. E. Simpson, also aged seventy-one, escaped when a bomb exploded in their living room.

A raider appearing low over the East Anglian coast machine-gunned a passenger bus and a private car.

The bullets splattered into the hedgerow by the side of the vehicles.

After A.A. and machine-gun fire, the raider began to lose height rapidly.

The Air Ministry said one enemy bomber was destroyed during the day. One R.A.F. fighter was lost.

During an evening Alert bombs fell in a residential area of London.

ability and usefulness of inland penetration by the enemy. I spent one morning at a spot which may seem tempting to German strategy. The agonies of the Battalion posted there was justifiably proud of the provision made to welcome uninvited tourists from overseas.

As well as all the customary devices, he has one of two little surprises up his sleeve. One of these in particular promises such a picturesque effect that the Battalion will be heartily disappointed if circumstances prevent it from being brought into play.

NAZI HAD HIS WORRY

Difficulties of flying over London — through snow, with ice forming on the plane, were described over the German radio by a Nazi pilot.

"Ice began to form on our plane when we were across the coast, and we flew into a heavy snow-storm over London."

"The guns and everything else in the cockpit were covered with snow, and we could see nothing through the windows."

Then, he said, he "unloaded his bombs" — but he did not specify any target — and made for home through heavy A.A. fire.

"Suddenly we found that we were unable to take wireless bearings owing to strong atmospheric discharges."

"The icing-up of the machine had become serious, making the machine lazy and piloting difficult. Suddenly our starboard engine failed and shortly afterwards the port engine."

He described how he came lower, got his engines going again and reached his base.

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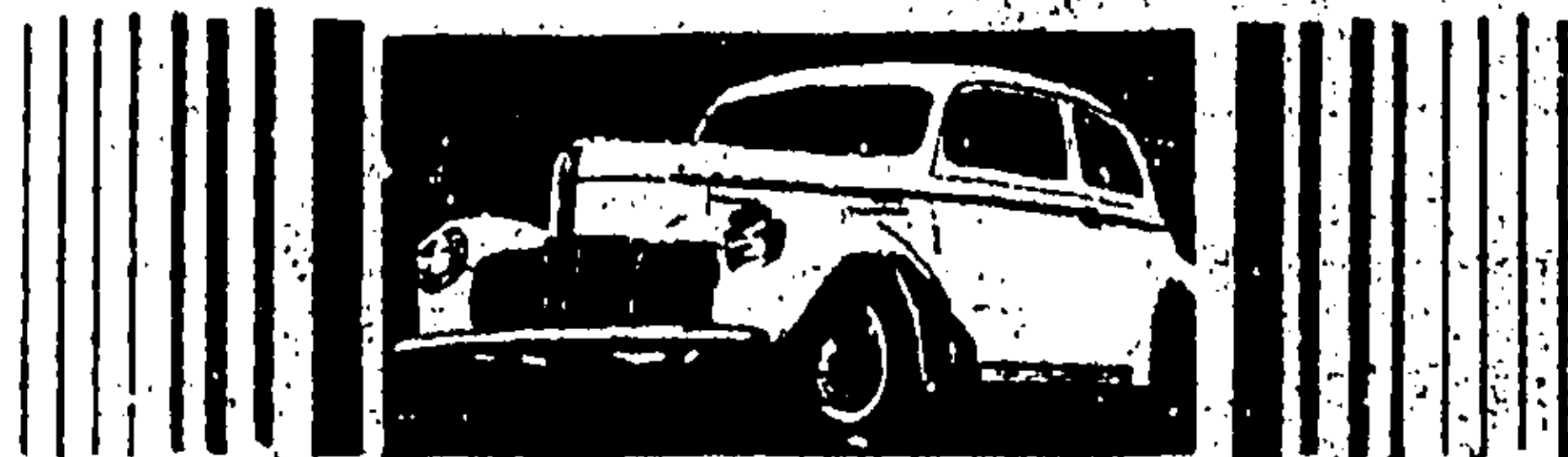
Propaganda against Eire is to be the subject of a question by Mr. J. McGovern (I.L.P., Shettleston) to the Minister of Information.

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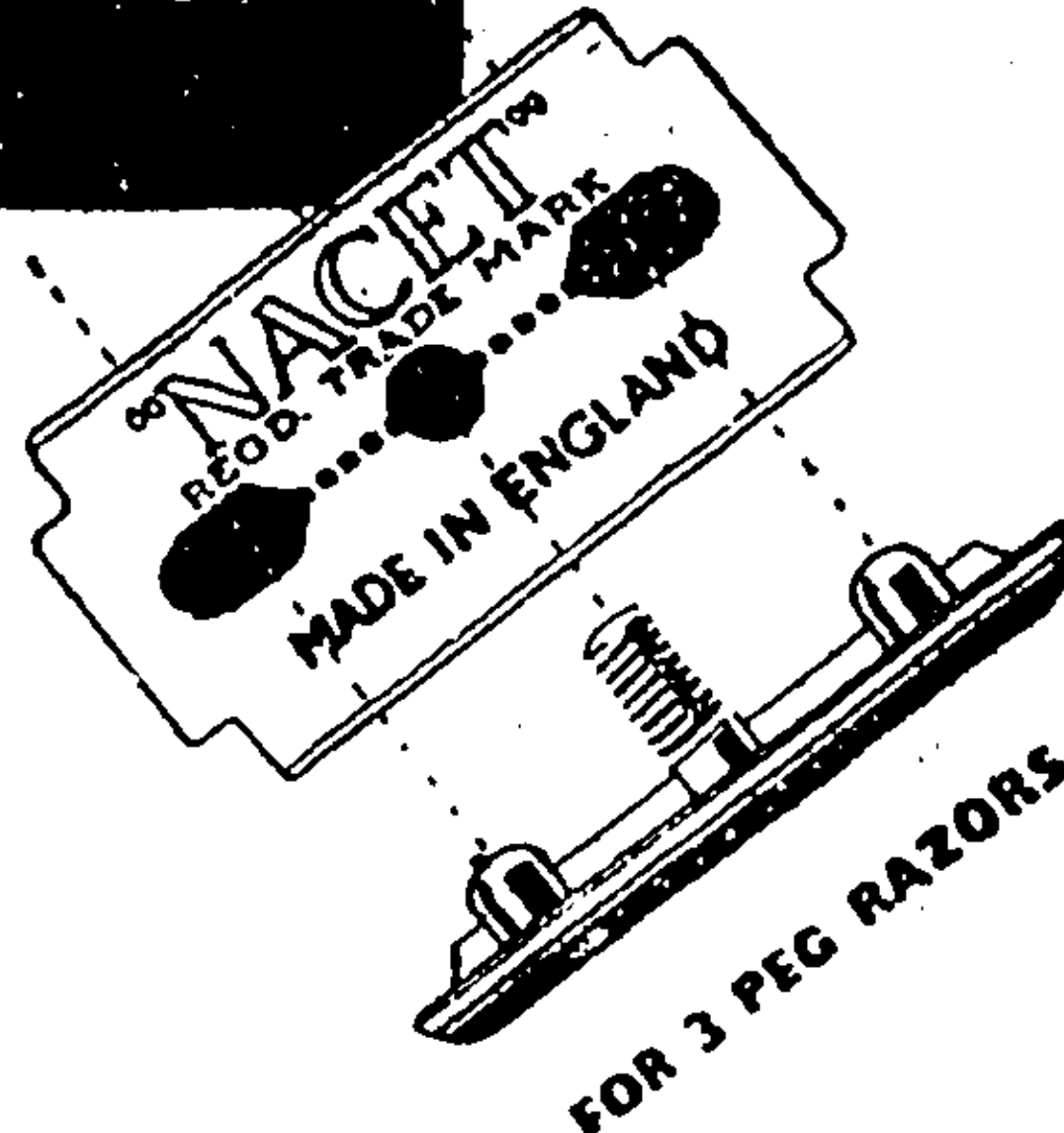
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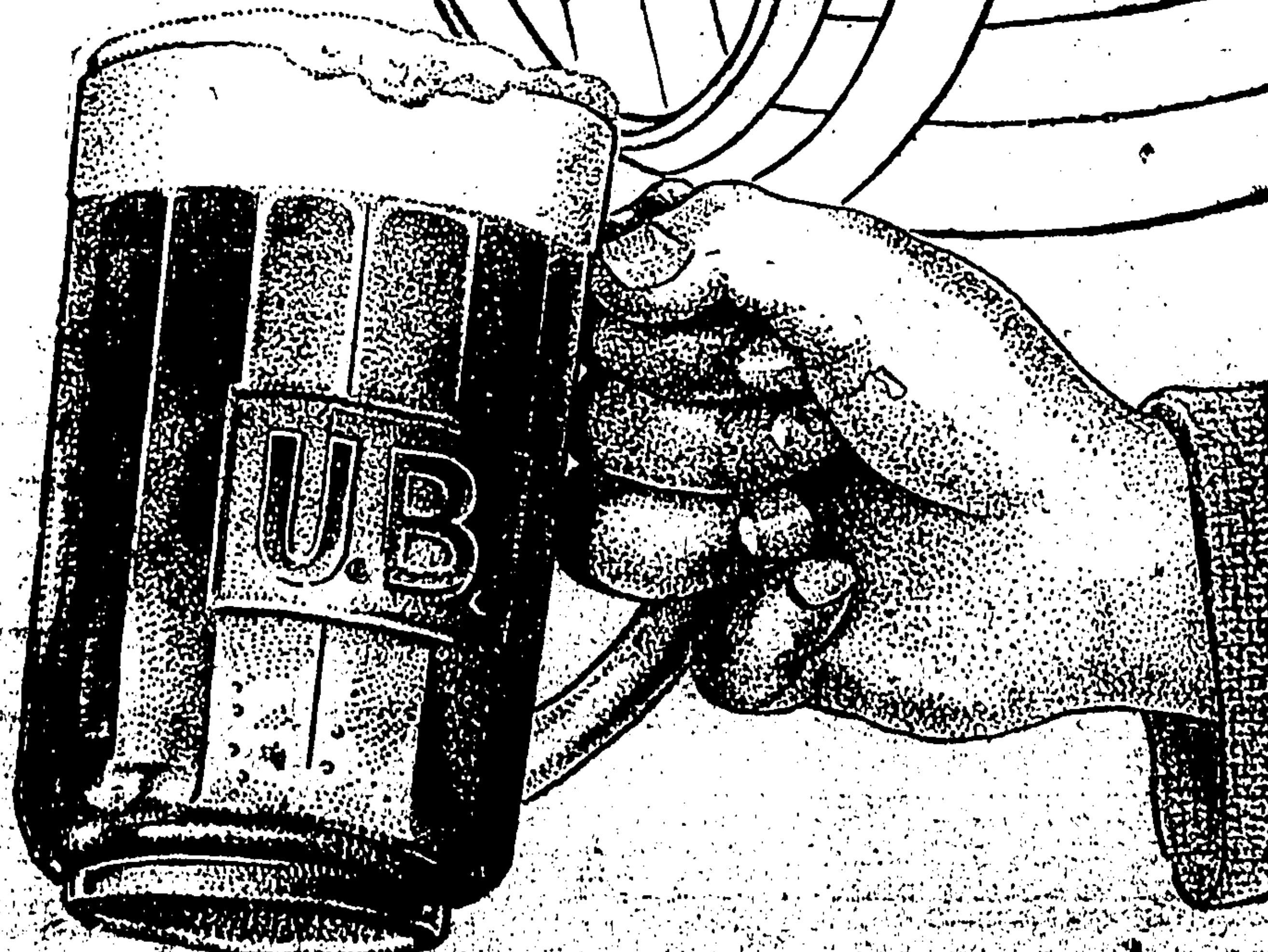
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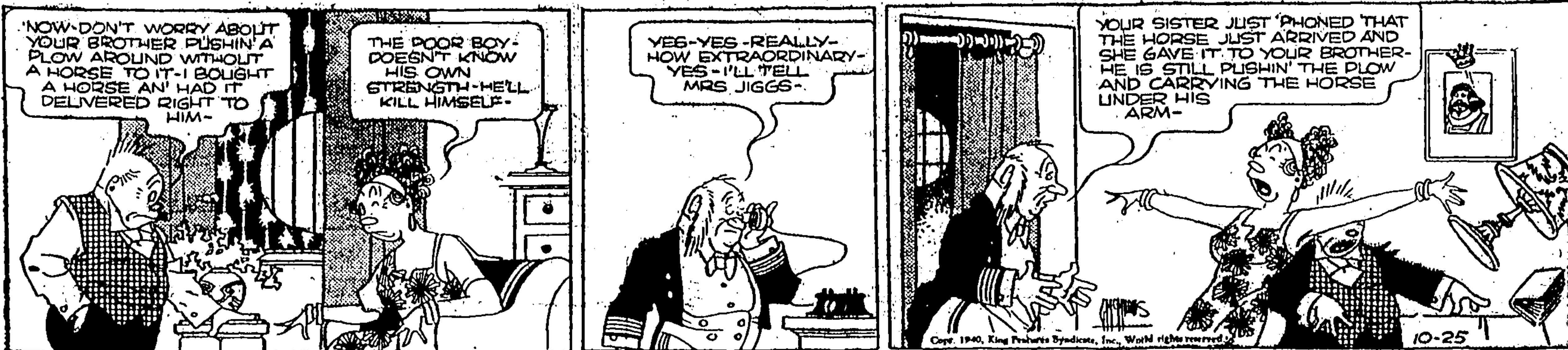
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Informal Evening Fashion

Coiffures, like hat fashions, have their cycles. For years you recall, the sleek mannish bob held its sway. Then suddenly waves and ringlets appeared on every feminine head to be followed by the upswept fashion which almost banished hats from a woman's wardrobe! Currently the long bob and pompadour is being favoured but if we heed the predictions of our more advanced hair stylist we are in for a new sleekness of hair styling—not a mannish sleekness but a very feminine, sculptured, classic sleekness.

Josef, hair stylist of a fashionable beauty salon, is first to sponsor what he calls the draped-coiffure. It is a classic revival of hair-do inspired by Greek and Roman sculpture with the accent on simplicity of line instead of decoration. If you know your ancient art you will recall that Greek heads were sharply outlined, the hair plastered closely in flat swirls or soignée short flat half-curls.

This new draped coiffure, we are told, is in harmony with a current trend for greater simplicity in fashion. No bangs, no fluff, no fat curls to destroy the symmetry of a beautiful feminine head. Or no waves piled high with clustered, distracting ringlets.

The hair is treated in the same manner as Alix treats fabrics—it is draped to the contour or one's head. Drawn back smoothly from the face with soft folded curls on the sides and a drapery effect cascading down the back. A coiffure which is equally flattering for day or evening, to young or mature, and easily managed.

It Is Dramatic

I must confess the effect of this new coiffure is dramatic after seeing all the frizzed arrangements of the past few years. One youthful American milliner, Eve Tartar, has condoned the new fashion by creating a version of skullcap which hugs the head closely and boasts of piped slits which permits the flat half-curls to be pulled



THE COIFFURE EVENING HAT created jointly by Josef of Helena Rupprecht and Eve Tartar, designer. One's hair is drawn through slits of the material forming an attractive sculptured frieze.

ed through the hat material and thus becoming part of the hat-design. A veil of contrasting colour (possibly accenting one's lipstick shade) is worn low in back thus dramatizing more the importance of the sleek hair-do. If the hat material colours are your best colours the chances are you will look as beguiling as a Greek Goddess, with all attention riveted on your beautiful open face and nicely poised head!

Watch Drapery Trend

You who dislike the pompadour or long-bob may well experiment with the new plastique effect for Dame Fashion is predicting that we are in for a siege of draped gowns for both daytime and evening—little ornamentation, exquisite lines, rich materials, very feminine in appearance. If this is true our coiffures will follow the lead for who can imagine a beautiful woman artistically draped in lush fabric to reveal pleasing curves with her hair touching her shoulder in an untidy, unbecoming deb-bob or her head dressed in a fluffy, frizzy pompadour making it look twice its actual size? Oh hum—this fashion business keeps us bustling, but isn't it fun?

Sausages Become A Party Dish When Fixed This Way

"Dear sweet patience! what a way to treat good honest sausages!" exclaimed my favourite old lady when I set this dish before her. But after the first tentative nibble, she loved it. "It's that sauce," she said. "It dresses up the whole dish and gives it flavour and zest." It does, too. But, to start at the beginning, here is the way I transform ordinary every day sausages into a fine company dish:



- 2 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons shortening
- 2/3 cup (approximately) milk
- 8 sausages (partially cooked)

Sift flour with baking powder and salt. Cut in shortening until mixture is as fine as corn meal. Add milk, mixing until a soft dough is formed. Knead lightly on floured board. Roll out about 1/4 inch thick. Cut into oblong pieces and roll each sausage (partially cooked) in the dough. Place in a buttered pan and bake in a hot oven (425 F.) for 15 minutes. Serve with Celery-Mushroom Sauce. Serves 4-6.

Celery-Mushroom Sauce:

- 1 tablespoon butter
 - 3/4 cup celery, chopped fine
 - 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- Cook the celery in the butter for 10-15 minutes or until soft. Then add the cream of mushroom soup and stir well. Add the milk and grated lemon rind. Heat to boiling. Serve over the sausage. Serves 4-6.



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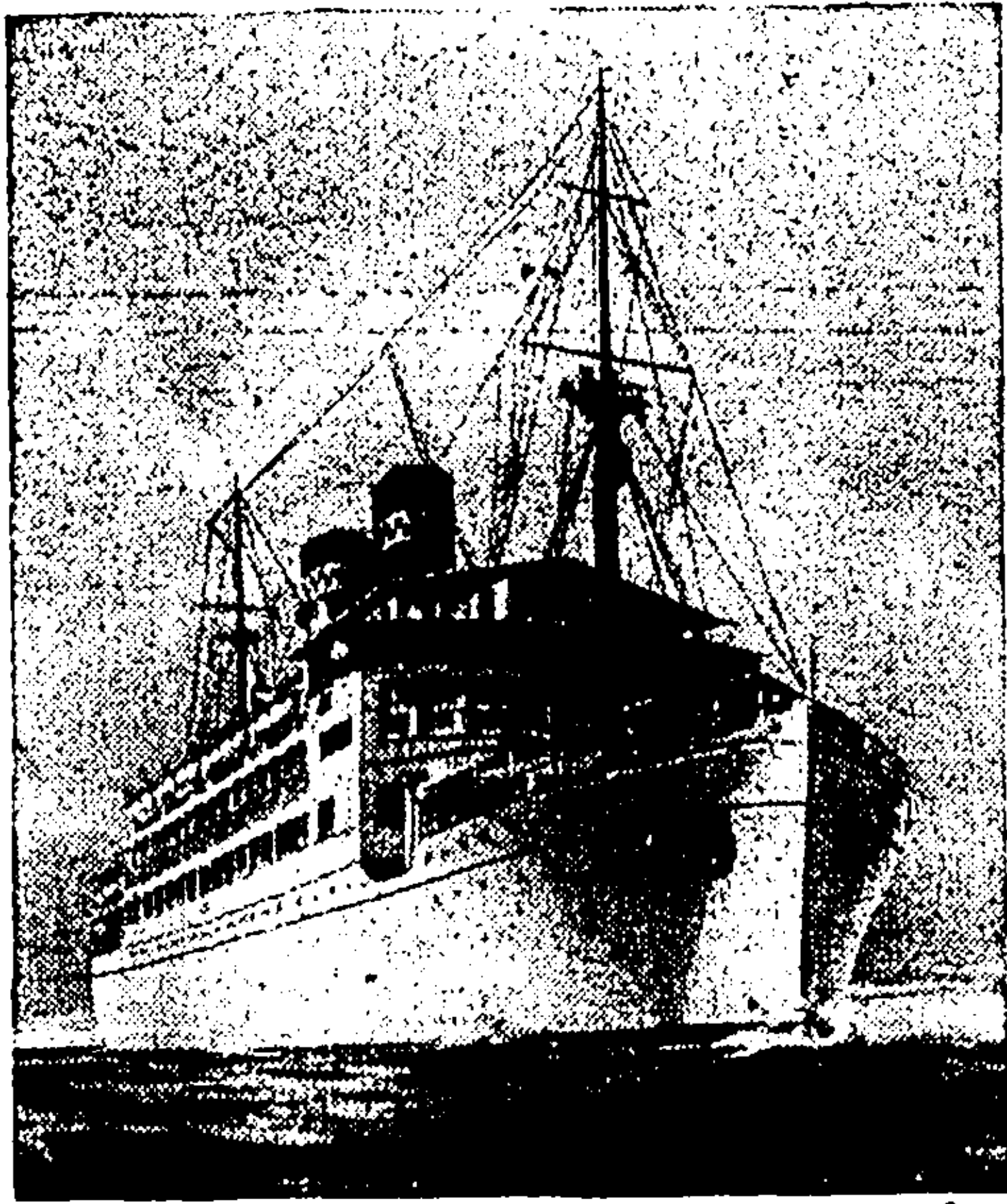
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Elsie and Doris Waters in Variety.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

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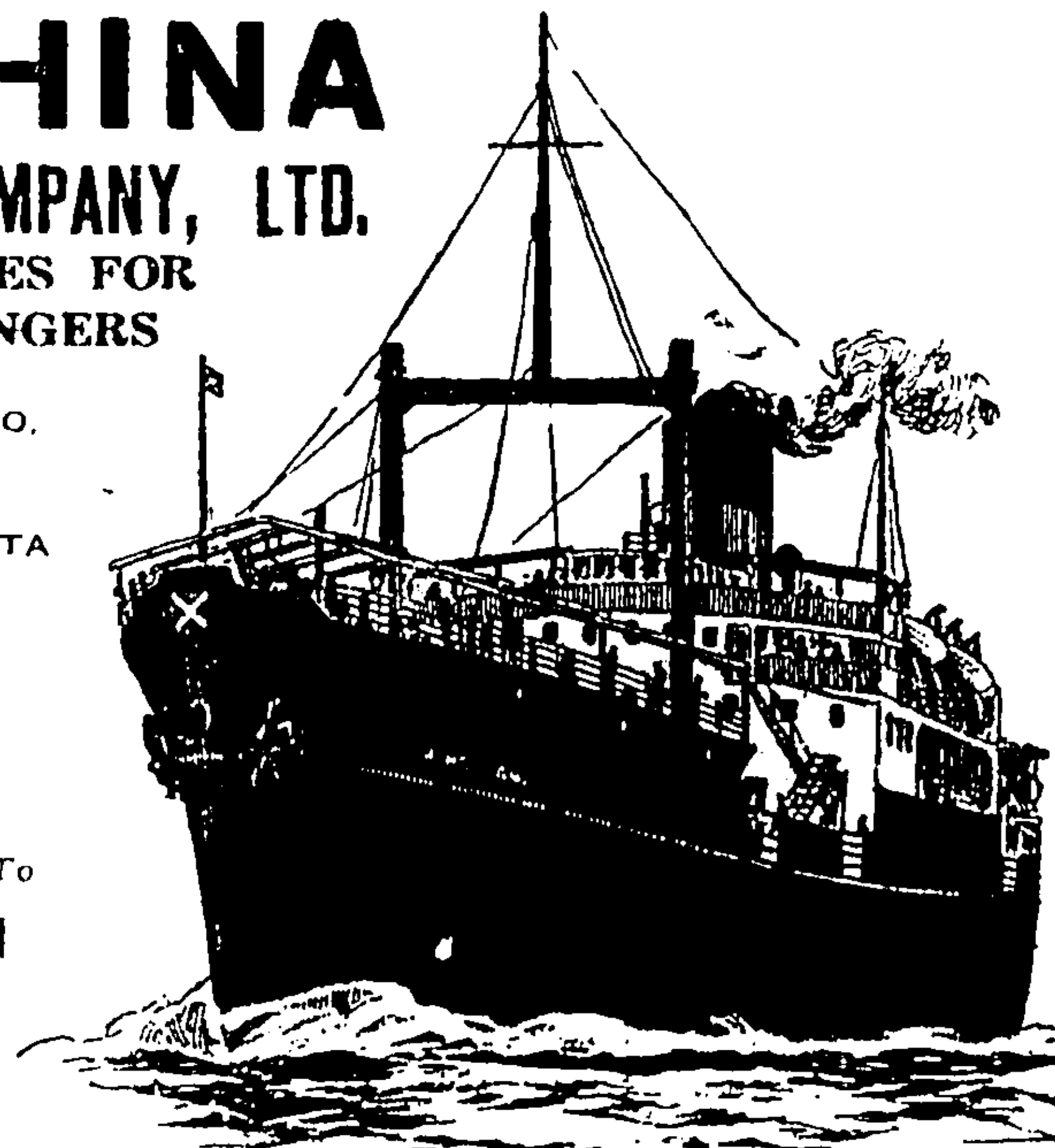
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SING TAO DEFEAT SOUTH CHINA DECISIVELY

Winners Adapt Themselves Better To Conditions

Chau Man-chi & Tsang Chung-wan Play Well For The Losers

By "Referee"

ADAPTING THEMSELVES better to the ground conditions, Sing Tao again placed themselves in the running for First Division honours when they beat South China by 3 goals to 1 after leading at the interval by the odd goal in three on the Club ground yesterday.

Sing Tao fully deserved their win for they played good football and settled down much faster than South China and though their goal underwent some narrow escapes in the second half their forwards were generally dangerous when on the move.

Each player knew his task and accomplished it well and the intermediate-line did particularly well in this game for they rarely allowed South China to indulge in their usual play.

Outstanding players in Sing Tao's team was Cheong Wing-choy in goal and Hau Yung-sang at back. In attack Fung King-cheong led his line in fine style and provided the most danger to South China's goal.

Cheong Wing-choy brought off some good saves, particularly in the first half when he turned a well-placed shot from Chau Man-chi round the post. His safe handling of high balls cleared many a dangerous situation.

Hau Yung-sang outshone Lee Ting-sang at back. He cleared well and covered his partner well.

Chui's Great Effort

Chui Ah-fai watched every move of Lee Wai-tong and did not allow the South China star a chance at goal. He played himself to a standstill and was injured in the closing stages of the game.

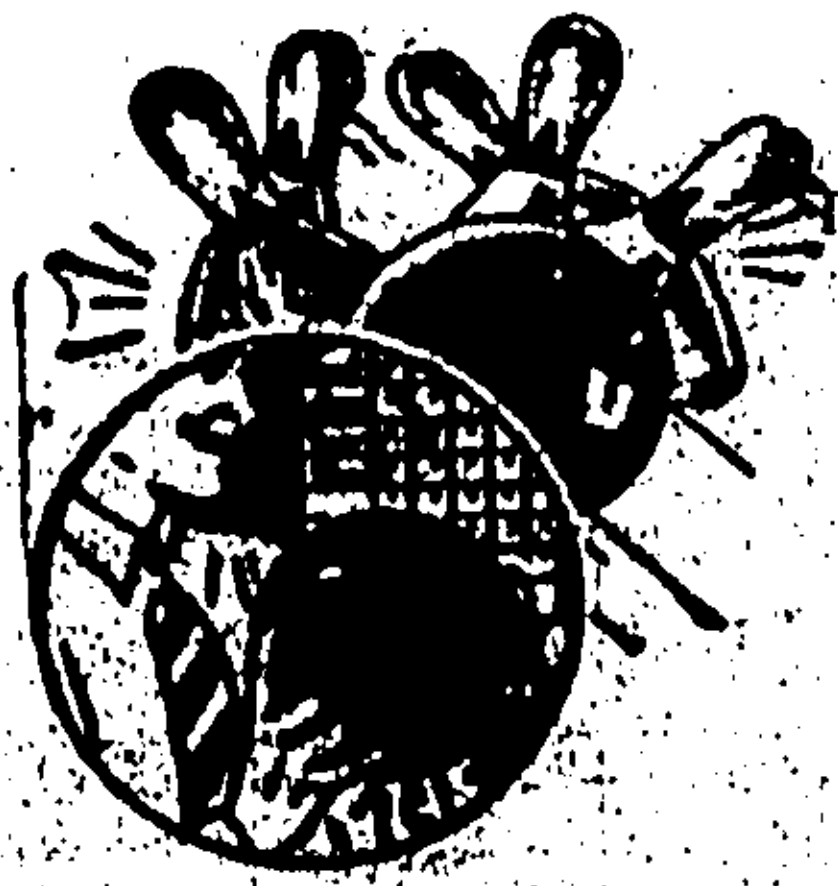
Fung King-cheong was seen in the centre-forward position with Kwok Ying-kee as his inside-right and Fung was always in position to receive a pass. He played a clean hard game throughout and in spite of the muddy condition of the ground he was the only player to have a clean jersey at the end of the match.

Good Wingers

Both wingers, Ip Pak-wah and Yeung Shui-yick played better than they have done for some time; the opposing wing halves could not keep them in check.

More was expected of South China but they had several weak links in their team which had a very disheartening effect on the team.

Lee Tak-kee was not at home on the right-wing. He was far too slow when in possession and though he delighted the crowd with some spectacular shots he could have done better in centring.



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POLICE BADLY BEATEN

By "Sportshawk"

At Boundary Street yesterday afternoon, Police were unexpectedly and heavily defeated by Kwong Wah in their First Division Football League encounter when they lost 7 goals to 2, after the winners scored three goals in the first half. It may be recalled the Police beat Kwong Wah by 3-1 in the first meeting.

On the whole the match was rather scrappy and produced little of interest.

Kwong Wah had the better of the exchanges, and, except for occasional Police raids, they dominated the play.

Blackburn, right-back for Police, played a magnificent game in defence but he found the opposing raids too much for himself alone to cope with and he received insufficient support from his partner, Chan Kwong-yu, while Manning never appeared able to cope with the situation between the sticks.

Pope was the outstanding player in the Police's intermediate-line, giving little rope to Wong King-cheong, Kwong Wah's left-wing.

Moss in Form

The Police attack was best served by Moss, who scored both their goals. Playing on the left-wing Moss gave Kwong Wah's right-half, Yeung Chi-cheung, a worrying time when he was in possession. Ferrier, inside-left, had better scoring chances than any other forward but his finishing touches were not so good. Howlett was not in his best form, and appeared uncomfortable in the ill-side-right position.

Lee Kwok-kee, for Kwong Wah, was the better of the two keepers and was very sound when called upon, though he was not often tested, while Leung Pak-wai had no difficulty in covering Police's right-wing, Wong Man-kwai, whenever the latter was approaching the winners' defence.

Cheung Kim-fai distinguished himself in the pivotal position for Kwong Wah.

Kwong Wah's Forwards Shine

Kwong Wah's forwards had their share of the scoring. They displayed better combination than the Police attackers. Cheuk Shek-kam, right-wing and Chin Chi-fun, the leader, were the most prominent forwards in Kwong Wah's attack.

Chin Chi-fun (3), Cheuk Shek-kam (2), Lau Fook-tsun and Wong King-cheong were the goal scorers for Kwong Wah, while Moss netted both goals for Police. KWONG WAH—Lee Kwok-kee, Chung Fai-lam and Leung Pak-wai; Yeung Chi-cheung, Chung Kim-fai and Cheung Wing; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tim Yung-fai, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-tsun and Wong King-cheung.

POLICE—Manning, Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu; Pope, Gough and North; Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Lau Pak-hung, Ferrier and Moss.

FOOTBALL SNIPPETS

Lapsley, of Kowloon, has been chosen for his first representative game. He will play for Civilian against Navy on Sunday, January 26, on the K.F.C. ground.

Kerr, Forrow, captain of Club seniors, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, hopes to be able to play in the First Round of the Shield competition in February.

Gavie, who was recently registered by Club and who is now limbering up in his junior team, is reported to be a "mighty" forward of great promise.

N. De Goo, former player of the Kowloon Club, who played in the 1939-40 season, will be playing for the club again.



Aramin, who is expecting to be matched in Malaya and Shanghai in the near future, hopes to fight Len Collins before he leaves.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—Having read in your valuable paper concerning Young Aramin, I do not agree with "Adrem" that Len Collins is the only suitable man in the Colony to fight Aramin. If you would kindly publish this in your paper I would be very much obliged. I am the son of "Iron" Bux the former Bantam to Middleweight champion of the Orient. I have fought eight (8) fights in the Colony, lost one, and drew one. I wish to challenge Young Aramin or any Bantamweight in the Colony.

GOLF FINAL POSTPONED

The Country Club's women's championship final, which was to have been played at Sheung Shui, New Territories, yesterday, was postponed owing to the wet weather.

HOCKEY RESULTS

Following were the results of game played in Hockey Tournament yesterday:
Police A 0, Police B 0.
Recreo 3, Gunboats 1.
M.T.B. 0, A. N. C. 8 XI 8.

K.C.C.'s Lady Bowlers

A NEW SPORTS SECTION IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FORMED AT KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB. FOR SOME WEEKS PAST NOW, ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, A GROUP OF LADIES HAS BEEN SEEN ON THE BOWLING GREEN, PLAYING AT BOWLS.

Bowls is a game that is particularly suited to the fair sex and is played widely by them in England and Australia. Many years ago ladies also played bowls in Hong Kong, but interest has since died out.

The latest converts are Mrs. Elston, Mrs. Kay Madar, Mrs. May Guest, Mrs. Maria Fincher and Miss Janet Broadbridge, while it is understood that Mrs. Blandford, the tennis player, is also keen to try her hand at the game.

Regular classes are held on Wednesdays and Sundays and it is expected that the movement will grow as the ladies become more expert and tell their friends!

LINESMEN NEEDED

At meetings last week of Hong Kong Football Association and Hong Kong Football Referees' Association it was pointed out that in some junior matches some Clubs had failed to provide line men. It was also pointed out at both meetings that the Referees concerned should report such cases to the League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association, through the Hon. Secretary.

The Hong Kong Amateur Football League Rules state that Clubs competing in Second and Third Divisions of the League shall provide efficient linesmen for their matches, except in cases where linesmen are appointed by the Association.

It is in the interests of the game that linesmen are provided, and it is hoped that the Club Secretaries will give this very important point their attention.

YACHTING RESULTS

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's Fourth Cruiser Championship Series over 24 miles, sailed yesterday, resulted as follows:

DIVISION I		
	Corrected Pon. Pts.	
Donna	14.11.26	1 10
(Mr. E. Cock)		
Red Rover	15.00.55	2 8
(Capt. R. W. Bateman)		
Morena	15.13.21	3 6
(Mr. P. C. M. Sedgwick)		
La Cigale I	15.16.38	4 4
(Mr. M. V. A. Croucher)		
Yehonala	D.N.F.	
Dresund	D.N.F.	
DIVISION II		
Tyrone	15.29.46	1 7
(Mr. E. Huttemier)		
Evolene	D.N.F.	
Wah Kong	D.N.F.	
FOUR TONNERS		
Gurlew	14.54.42	1 9
(Mr. P. Clarke)		
Typhoon	14.56.34	2 7
(Mr. D. Campbell)		
Tern	14.58.42	3 5
(Mr. J. L. Anderson)		
Sai Long	15.01.01	4 3
(Mr. J. S. Dunnett)		
Cutty	15.15.50	5 2
(Mr. H. F. Foy)		

ground on Sunday, January 26: Lapsley (Kowloon), Blackburn (Police), and Ullrich (Kowloon); Pope (Police), Gough (Police), and Maxwell (Kowloon); Ferrier (Club), Howlett (Police), G. O'Sama (Kowloon), Ferrier (Police), and R. De Goo (Kowloon); and H. De Goo (Kowloon).

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

SCORING was generally high over the week-end, chief feature being a partnership between T. A. Madar and K. M. Baxter for K.C.C. 2nd XI against University. Coombes, playing for Royal Scots, registered his second century of the season, scoring 109 against H.K.C.C. "A".

BATTING

Coombes	109
T. A. Madar	104
K. M. Baxter	103
L. T. Ride	66
A. J. Hulse	58
C. W. E. Bishop	55
F. J. Remedios	50
E. F. Fincher	47
A. R. Kitchell	45
Deaglas	45
A. E. Perry	46
D. J. N. Anderson	41
A. H. Madar	39
P. M. N. da Silva	32

BOWLING

P. M. N. de Silva	6 for 23
Bateman	6 for 41
L. A. C. Hawkins	5 for 13
N. D. Lloyd	5 for 32
A. M. Omar	5 for 33
J. Fenton	5 for 35
A. E. Carey	5 for 49
F. R. Zimmern	4 for 21
W. S. Gegg	4 for 51
A. R. Minu	4 for 52

FOOTBALL

League football was greatly curtailed last Saturday owing to Military duties and only one First Division game was played which resulted in Middlesex beating St. Joseph's by the odd goal in three.

By beating 7th R.A. by two clear goals, Air Force are again at the top of the Third Division. Club were eliminated by 36th R.A. in the preliminary Round of the Junior shield.

RUGBY

Volunteers beat a weak Navy team at Boundary Street by 9 points to 5. Thomson, of club, scored the best try seen on Police Ground yet.

Police recorded their first win of the season when they beat a well balanced Club-Army team by two tries (6 points to nil) at Boundary Street.

Football To Stop During Air Raids

English F.A. Issues Order

FOOTBALL MUST STOP during air raid "alerts," and the spotter system recently adopted by some clubs must cease, states a message from London. This is an order of the Football Association to the clubs under their jurisdiction.

When approached on the subject the F.A. said: "The Ministry of Home Security has informed us that they do not feel justified in accepting the risk of bombs falling on a crowd of spectators in the open and feel bound, therefore, to request this Association to continue for the present, the practice of suspending matches when a warning is received."

At the start of the season, the Ministry of Home Security decided that in the event of an air raid

warning football matches should be suspended until the "raiders" passed signal. Managements were told to advise spectators to take refuge on the ground under the stands or in any other shelter on the ground, but not to leave the ground to seek shelter elsewhere. Spectators were at liberty to go to their homes. These general arrangements were, however, subject to any modification the police might consider desirable for any particular ground.

Spotters on The Roofs

Many clubs, spectators and players are of the opinion, now that the warning is regarded as an "alert" that games could continue safely until imminent danger threatened.

Some clubs introduced spotters on the roofs of their stands to signal the approach of immediate danger and the matches have continued despite the warning. For this reason the Football Association, after consultation with the Football League, recently suggested proposals to the Ministry for a variation in procedure after warnings. As can be seen from the above, however, the Ministry are sticking to their original order.

It is understood that the main reason for the Ministry's action is the possibility of a wild rush for the shelters when the spotters' warning has been given and casualties being caused before all the people could reach them.—Reuter.

YEARLINGS SOLD FOR £5 EACH

THE SLUMP IN PRICES AT THE SECOND AND CONCLUDING STAGE OF MESSRS. TATTERSALL'S BLOODSTOCK SALES AT NEWMARKET RECENTLY WAS VERY PRO- NOUNCED. THIRTY-EIGHT LOTS WERE SOLD FOR ONLY 1,195GS. MAKING THE TOTAL FOR THE TWO DAYS 7,554GS. FOR 147 LOTS, WRITES A COR- RESPONDENT.

An average of a little more than 51gs. for yearlings which in normal times would rouse the keenest competition in the sale ring means a very heavy loss to breeders. Some of the yearlings were almost given away.

For example, opening bids of £5 were sufficient to buy colts by such well-known sires as The Black Abbot, Tommy Atkins, Alishah and Tai-Yang.

"I never thought I would live to see the best blood on the turf sold for less than the price of bullocks" remarked a prominent breeder.

The highest price of the day was paid by R. J. Colling, the Newmarket trainer. He gave 200 guineas for the four-year-old, Holy Terror, who dead-heated with Heavy-Weight at Newmarket in May.

The chief buyer of yearlings was Mr. F. Gwillim, a West Country farmer, who trains at Pontrilas. He bought 20 lots for a total of 300 guineas. "I bought a lot of horses during the last war and did well," he said. "If there is a reasonable amount of racing next season it should not be difficult to place some of my purchases to win. I might make a big profit."

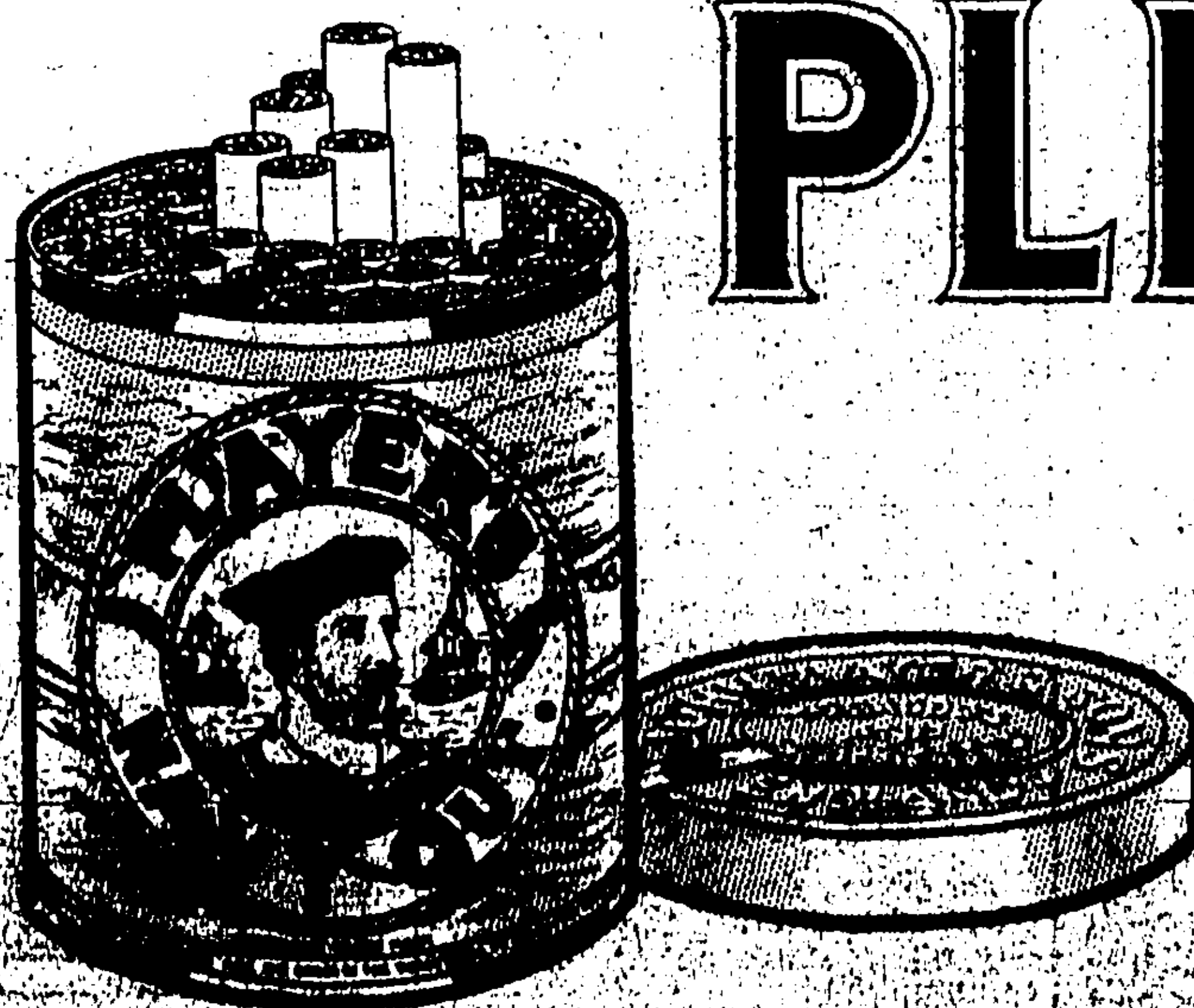
It is understood that Egegina Babida, Cardinals' first-string hurler, sustained an arm injury during the week which will prevent her from pitching for her team against the Canadian Chinese today. She will probably be seen at third base as a result.

"Grandpop" Leung, coach of the Chung Hwa softball team, potential junior division pennant winners, has just returned from Kwangsi, where he has been doing relief work, and it is possible that he will be included in the Chung Hwa line-up for future games.

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WEEK'S AIR LOSSES

Seven Germans Shot Down For One British

GERMANY'S NEW TRADE AGREEMENT

German broadcasts are giving great prominence to the new agreements with Soviet Russia, and of the three Germany seems to be most interested in the extending of existing trade treaties.

There, they claim, will bring about a larger exchange of goods, and propaganda to the Home front hints that they are being used as a "counter-blast" to the growing realization inside Germany of what American help will mean to Britain.

The "Voelkische Beobachter" calls it the "greatest economic pact ever concluded between States."

Soviet broadcasts devote more attention to the demarcation of the frontier between Germany and Russian-occupied Lithuania and to the exchange of German nationals in Baltic countries for Baltic nationals in Germany.

There is little comment in London, although many trade experts are sceptical about any expansion of Soviet-Nazi trade, pointing out that agreements in force are already believed to provide for larger exchanges than has been possible to carry out. Germany primarily wants oil, followed by grain and raw materials, and the supplies she can get from Russia are limited by Russia's own requirements and the serious difficulties in transport. — Reuter.

Luftwaffe Stays Away

SEVEN GERMAN aircraft are confirmed to have been shot down in air battles over Britain during the week ended midnight on January 11, for the loss of only one British fighter.

Detailed figures are:

	GERMAN	BRITISH
January 5	2	1
January 7	1	—
January 9	2	—
January 10	2	—

It may be noted that the Germans admit the loss of six planes on the night of January 10, when Portsmouth was attacked, the remaining four presumably being lost without direct observation by the R.A.F.

No comprehensive figures for the Western Desert are available but the following are the main facts of recent Mediterranean air fighting:—

100 In A Week

Between December 22 and January 5, inclusive, 30 Italian aircraft were confirmed destroyed in the air, and at least eight on the ground.

In the week following, over 100 Italian aircraft were destroyed, as follows:—

On January 6, 40 Italian aircraft were bombed on the ground and rendered unusable at E. Adem.

On January 8, 12 were destroyed on the ground at Benina.

Malta's Bag

On January 9, five bombers were destroyed over Malta, two on the ground at Javello, and a num-

ber unspecified at Berka.

Since January 5 two Savoias were destroyed on the ground near Tuba, two at Grazala and seven at El Timi, while advancing troops found 36 previously destroyed at Gazala. — Reuter.

SINKING OUR NAVY OVER AGAIN

"A cruiser and several other warships received heavy hits in a fresh attack on English naval units in the Mediterranean," stated yesterday's German High Command communique.

It also reports: "An enemy merchantship of 8,000 tons was sunk in Irish waters and another ship of 3,000 tons was sunk off the East Coast of England."

Saturday night's raid on London, the communique adds, was carried out by "strong bomber formations and numerous fires testified to their success."

Regarding British raids over Germany it says: "A few high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in parts of Germany, seriously damaging one house, killing three people and seriously injuring three others." — Reuter.

PLIGHT OF TOBRUK

In some ways, the plight of Tobruk is worse than that of Bardia, London circles pointed out last night.

The water supply is poor and drinking water has to be brought by sea from Derna, 115 miles further westwards — and it can be taken as certain that the Royal Navy will see that any attempt to get through by sea will fail. On land, we control the road running westwards.

The Germans seem to have little confidence in the Tobruk garrison, and are even hinting that the whole eastern province of Cyrenaica may have to be given up.

"The Hamburg Fredeblatt," for instance, writes:—

"We must be resigned to the fact that the entire area of Cyrenaica is now in danger."

The news that the Italian losses in Bardia were around 45,000 makes the British casualty list of less than 600 even more remarkable, London semi-official circles point out.

Attacks by armoured vehicles often lead to success at small cost, but this proportion of 45,000 to 600 is a great tribute to General Wavell's strategy. — Reuter.

RAIDER SHOT DOWN BY A.A. FIRE

An enemy bomber was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire on Saturday night, states an Air Ministry communique.

There was nothing to report during daylight on Sunday, adds the communique. — Reuter.

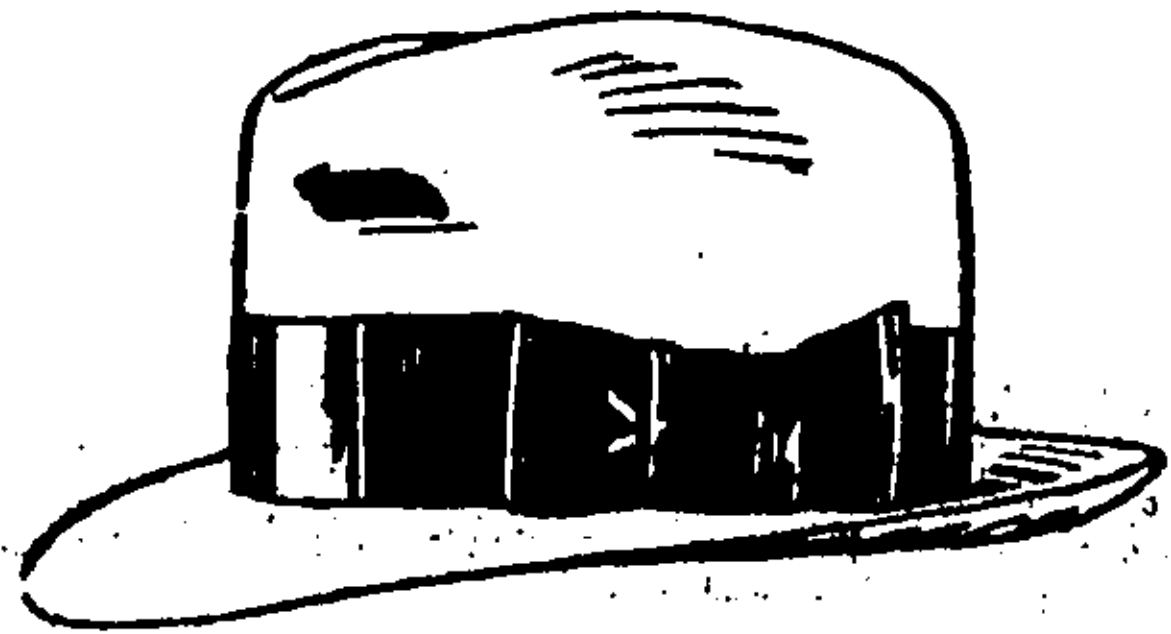
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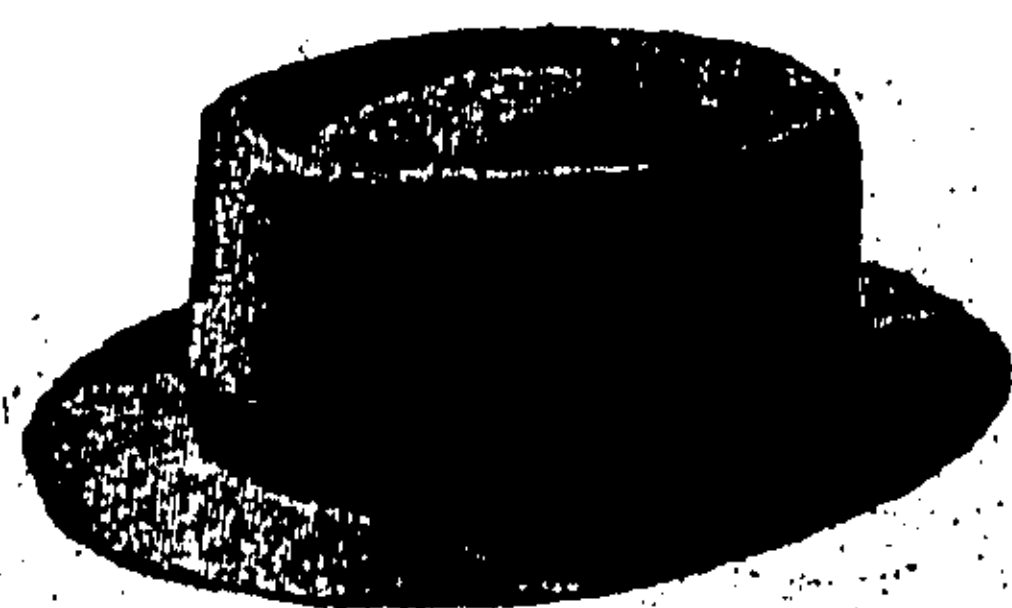
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BULGARIA WARNED TIMES ARE DANGEROUS

Soviet Makes Her Attitude Plain

The following statement was issued by the official Tass agency broadcast from Moscow last night:

"If German troops are at present in Bulgaria, or are being sent to Bulgaria, this is taking place without the knowledge or consent of the Soviet Union." — Reuter.

GERMANY STILL TALKING INVASION

AXIS PROPAGANDA is concentrating more and more deeply on an "invasion of Britain" angle.

Saturday's reference by Dr. Goebbels to a coming offensive was followed yesterday by a German radio commentator's statement that "what doesn't happen in a year may happen in a month."

Apparently realising that forces are driving Germany to take some desperate action, he continued: — "Britain will be beaten long before American help can become effective."

"You know what I mean if I mention the word—invasion." Italy adopted the same line, and, writing in "Telegrafo," Signor Ansaldo says:—

"Germany has always had the greatest confidence in her ability to land in England."

"The people of the United States will find they are wrong in believing that Germany will give up her invasion plans." — Reuter.

London The Main Target

For the second night in succession London appeared to be the main target of the German air force last night, when bombs were dropped in various parts of the city.

As well as anti-aircraft guns, anti-aircraft searchlights, and anti-aircraft batteries, the city was defended by anti-aircraft guns, anti-aircraft searchlights, and anti-aircraft batteries.

GREEK PUSH IN ALBANIA

THE STRONGEST GREEK PUSH IN ALBANIA AT THE MOMENT SEEMS TO BE IN THE NORTH, WHERE THEY HAVE ADVANCED FURTHER AND ARE SWINGING WEST TOWARDS ELBASAN.

The weather has been very poor lately, but in spite of heavy rain on Saturday, Greek troops in this area took another strategic point on the way to Elbasan.

Further south, there has been slight progress in the Moshkopolis region.

A Greek communique mentions the taking of 100 prisoners and much war material "during local mopping-up" — doubtless around Klissoura. — Reuter.

MORE U.S. SHARES CALLED IN

A further Treasury Order issued in London yesterday transfers a large number of additional American dollar securities to the British Treasury.

Somewhat Cryptic Broadcast By Prime Minister

THE BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER, M. FILOFF, IN A SPEECH AT RUSTCHUK YESTERDAY, POINTED OUT, ACCORDING TO A SOFIA TELEGRAM, THAT DESPITE BULGARIA'S DESIRE FOR PEACE SHE MIGHT HAVE TO GO THROUGH A "TRAGIC TIME."

M. Filoff, who has just been on a visit to Vienna, added: "The question of peace or war does not depend on the small countries."

The Government's policy, he said, had always been peaceful but at the same time revisionist, and "from the start we have desired revision and we continue to ask for peaceful revision."

Mentioning the cession of Southern Dobrudja to Bulgaria by Rumania, he said: "The Bulgarian Government is convinced it can go further along the same path, and would be happy if other injustices could be repaired."

M. Filoff affirmed that it was Bulgaria's duty to "be ready to defend our vital interests and to face up to any eventuality that might occur."

Mr. Filoff, who reaffirmed Bulgaria's policy of peace and neutrality and revision by peaceful means, showed discreet sympathy with the Axis and the "new order" in Europe, but carefully avoided any hint of the possibility of German intervention.

The speech was broadcast by all Bulgarian radio stations.

Claim In Thrace

Meanwhile, the newly-signed Russo-German trade pact was termed by the Bulgarian press yesterday as "a reply to President Roosevelt's decision to help Britain."

The Sofia newspapers feel that a strengthening of Russo-German relations would be very beneficial for the maintenance of peace in the Balkans and for Bulgaria's prospects of realising peacefully her revisionist claims, "first in western Thrace"—Reuter.

THREAT TO BOMB BANGKOK

Thai forces are continuing to advance into Cambodia and have seized further French positions, according to a Thai High Command communique yesterday.

The Thai air force is lending effective cooperation and severe fighting is developing, the communique continues.

Unofficial reports state that the Thai army has already occupied large stretches of Cambodian territory.

Thai bombers have raided many important towns in Indo-China.

Hitherto no French aircraft have visited Bangkok, but every precaution has been taken and A.R.P. measures are in force.—Reuter.

Roosevelt "Cataclysm"

He remarked: "The gigantic cataclysm caused by the speeches and decision of President Roosevelt may provoke a world war."

"Bulgaria must be cautious, for it is necessary to know not only who will conquer but how victory will be achieved."

"We see clearly that there will be a new Europe after the war, which will affect Bulgaria like other States."

Appeal For Calm

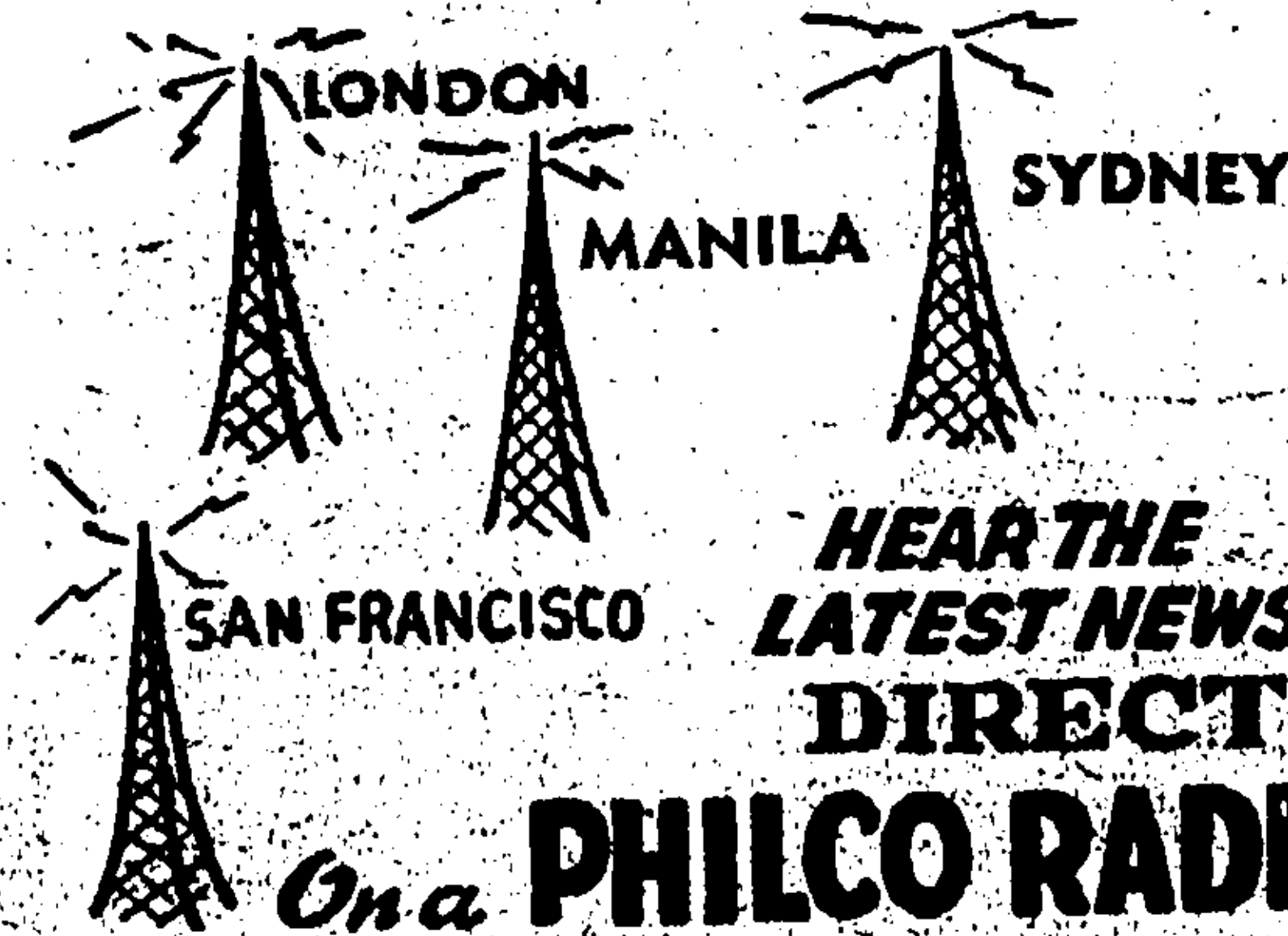
It was essential that Bulgaria should remain calm and show no partisanship. Bulgarians must be neither Germanophil nor Anglophil; only ready to sacrifice all for Bulgaria.

In another passage M. Filoff made another appeal to Bulgarians to "remain calm and ready for any emergency."

The Nazi-like the Communist system of government was unsuitable for Bulgaria, he also said.

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THE LEND-AND-LEASE BILL

Three Restrictive Amendments Considered Likely

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S Lease-and-Lend Bill is likely to be amended before it passes, but not seriously enough to interfere with the President's plans for aiding those fighting aggression.

As the result of conferences among Congressional leaders yesterday it seems probable that three amendments will be offered and probably accepted.

WARNER BROTHERS WAR FUND GIFT

WARNER BROTHERS, THE BIG AMERICAN FILM COMPANY, HAVE SENT A CONTRIBUTION TO BRITAIN'S "WAR PLANES" FUND.

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, has cabled his thanks to Warner Brothers for a gift of £6,000 for the purchase of a plane.

The money came from the American profits on the film "London Can Take It." — Reuter.

These are:—

First, a provision that Britain shall put up some form of security against arms, planes and ships provided her, such as liens on metal and oil production and interests of Britain in the western hemisphere.

Second, limitation of the wide powers of the President to a fixed period, probably two years.

Third, expunging of provisions of the Bill allowing British warships to be reconditioned in American naval waters.

It is considered that none of these provisions seriously affects the main purpose of the Bill. — Reuter.

WENDELL WILLKIE TO VISIT ENGLAND

Mr. Wendell Willkie, the unsuccessful Presidential candidate, announced in Washington yesterday that he is going to England shortly as a private citizen to make a personal survey of the "situation there and expects to stay two or three weeks.—Reuter.

INDIA'S WORKERS AND WAR

IT IS THE INTERESTS OF INDIAN WORKERS THAT SUFFER FROM ANY MOVEMENT HINDERING THE WAR EFFORT, SAID THE LABOUR LEADER, MR. M. N. ROY, SPEAKING AT JAMSHEDPUR YESTERDAY.

Mr. Roy called on workers to stand shoulder to shoulder with the British worker who is "bearing the brunt of the responsibility of defending the world against the menace of Fascism."

He added: "We would be false to the international ideals of the Labour movement if we fail to extend a helping hand to our British comrades at this moment." — Reuter.

SOVIET MINISTER ENTERTAINED

Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs in Chungking, yesterday entertained at luncheon M. Alexandre, S. Panaouchkine, the Soviet Ambassador to China, the staff of the Soviet Embassy and M. Mihailoff, director of the China branch of the Tass News Agency.

Among other guests were General Feng Yu-hsiang, Vice-Chairman of the National Military Council, Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, Dr. Hollington K. Tong, Vice-Minister of Publicity, and General Chen Ming-chu, Chairman of the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association.

Following the luncheon, they visited scenic spots in Chungking. — Central News.

INDIA'S TIES WITH EGYPT

CORDIAL GREETINGS AND A MESSAGE OF THANKS TO THE INDIAN PEOPLES FOR THE WESTERN DESERT VICTORY WERE BROUGHT BY SIR SIKANDER HYAT KHAN, PREMIER OF THE PUNJAB, FROM HUSSEIN SIRRY PASHA, PRIME MINISTER OF EGYPT.

The Egyptian Premier added: "India and Egypt are now closely linked by ties of blood." — The

RETURNS TO REPORT

The Rumanian Minister in Sofia, M. Ploesti, has returned to Bucharest to report the official German news Agency stated yesterday. — Reuter.



Ten men are needed on the ground for each pilot in the air and this picture, taken in a training centre shows mechanics, fitters and all classes of ground staff undergoing training. The aeroplane which is seen in the background of the picture is dismantled and assembled by the men for practical training. (Copyright, Fox).

A.T.S. Secret Critics Aid War Office

SECRET CRITICS have been at work in the A.T.S. They have sent confidential reports on the efficiency of each officer to the War Office. Some have been written by men at the head of departments to which A.T.S. girls are attached. Others are the work of women placed in authority by generals who are convinced of their ability.

But even the women officers who have made these reviews are the subject of reports by others holding higher positions still. Each woman is unaware of the identity of the man who is sending a confidential criticism to the War Office about her. Wholesale dismissals of A.T.S. officers are not expected, a reporter was told.

The documents called for because of complaints that many A.T.S. officers, particularly those holding high rank, received their commissions because of their social status before the war, will be considered by the highest military authorities.

Meanwhile, in the drive for greater efficiency, all senior commandants and chief commandants are now undergoing intensive training courses.

Their First and Only Camp

Their future will depend, to a large extent, on the result of examinations that will follow.

A selection committee has been set up to consider all applications for commissions.

A new ration scale, based in the special requirements of women as compared with the food needs of men, is now in operation.

Welfare officers are interviewing women and girls of all ranks and trying to remove the cause of some of the complaints which have been overlooked while the A.T.S. has been struggling to find its feet.

"It has to be remembered that the A.T.S. is a young branch of the Services," a senior staff officer of the Northern Command said. "It was not until September, 1938, that the idea of bringing women into the Army was made public by the War Minister."

blood of India and the the sake of Egypt will always be a memory of the gallant action of their country. — Reuter.

"They were recruited on a Territorial Army basis—not on the Regular Army footing on which they are now organised. They had their first and only camp in July, 1939.

"Responsible officers were appointed who had never had any experience. They have gained their experience as they have gone on. Some of us believe they have for the most part, done it extraordinarily well.

"Many of our women have left good jobs, good pay, and good homes. They are roughing it to-day to release men for the fighting units.

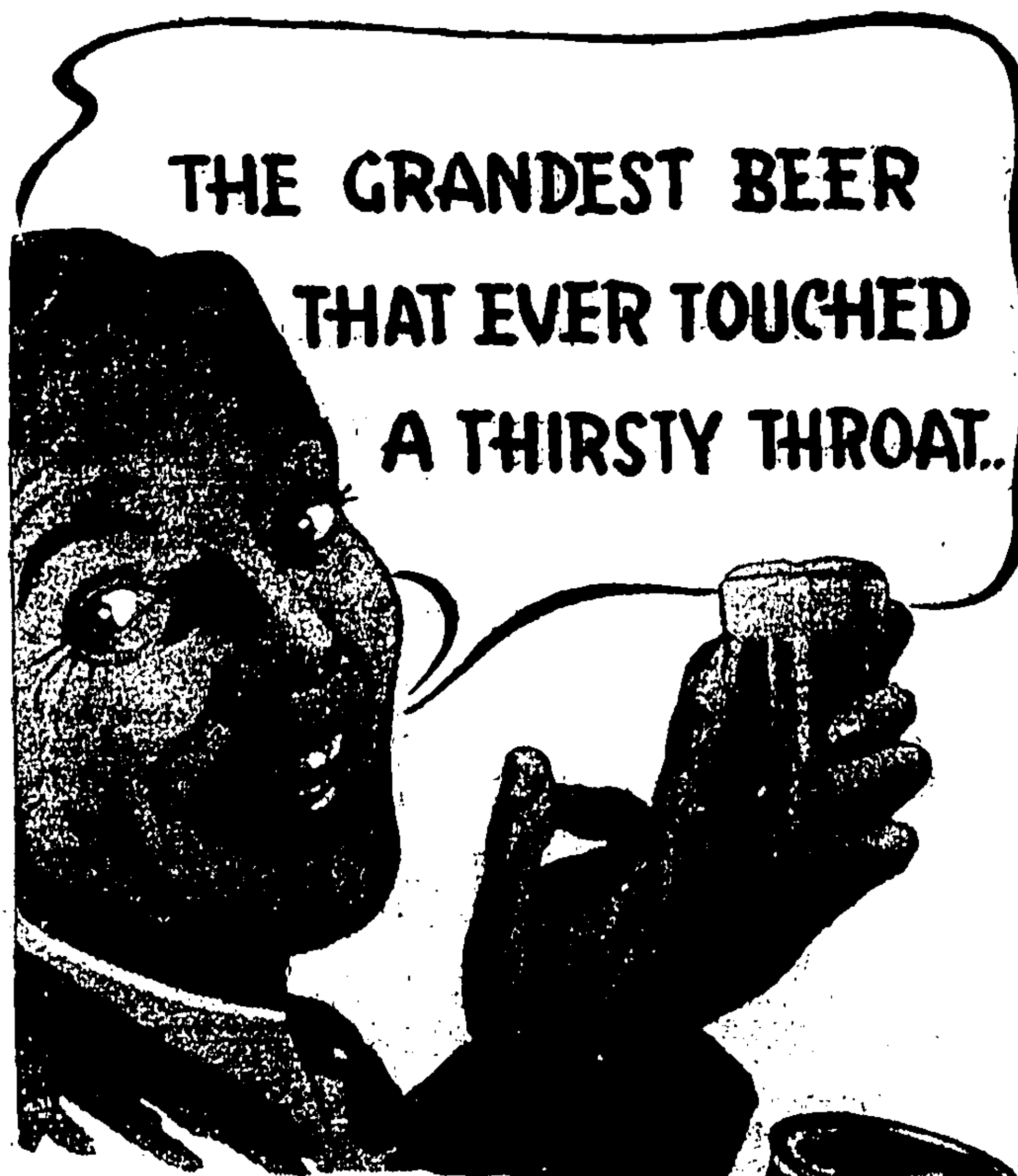
"Some have left snugly-furnished rooms of their own to live in requisitioned houses with no furniture except a little bed and a hard chair."

SWISS COMPLAIN

BRITISH PLANES ARE CLAIMED BY THE SWISS AUTHORITIES TO HAVE BEEN OVER SWITZERLAND ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

An Army communiqué issued in Bern yesterday morning says: "Foreign aircraft flew over the Leeman and Jura region for several hours, coming from the north-west and leaving in the direction of Savoy. Defences went into action."

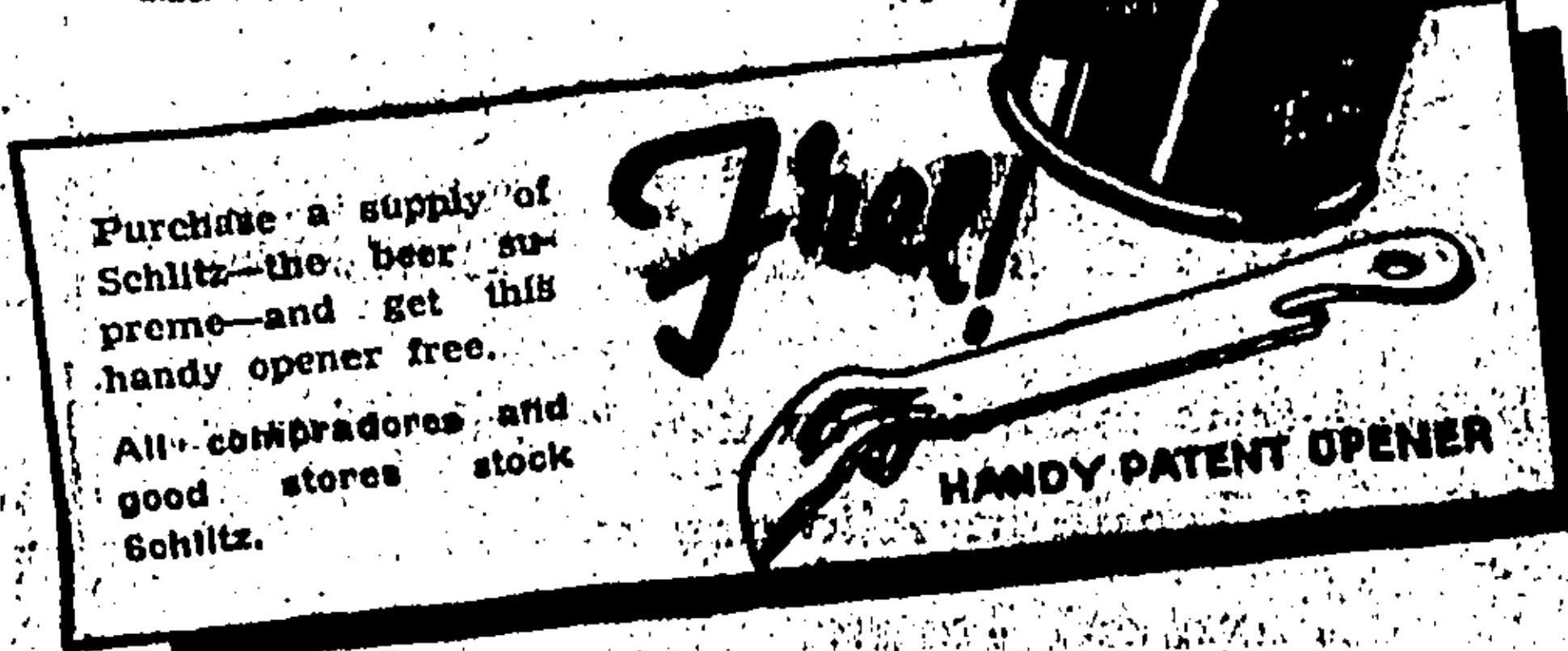
"After dark, planes had made forced landings in the Jura region. The Swiss authorities were alerted." — Reuter.



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"BRIDAL SUITE"

STILL CLEANING UP DEBRIS OF LONDON FIRE RAID

MEN AND WOMEN by the hundred visited London yesterday to see the work done by the Pioneer Corps, Royal Engineers and demolition squads who have been clearing up the debris which resulted from the "fire" raid a fortnight ago.

Among the workers are Belgians, French, Norwegians and other refugees in Britain.

This fulfils the promise given by Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, who said some time ago that he would enrol an international labour force from the friendly aliens (estimated at about 250,000) now in the country.

He also promised that they would have the same wages and working conditions as British workers.

They are encouraged to enrol in national groups at jobs to which they are accustomed.

Thus, Norwegians go in for forestry, Czechs, the French and the Poles for engineering and aircraft work and Belgians and Netherlands at diamond cutting and polishing. — Reuter.

DEVOTED SON ACCUSED OF MURDER

"This is a very tragic case . . . This man is charged with strangling his old mother to whom he was a most devoted son."

Prosecuting counsel said this at Old Street, London, Police Court when James Miller, forty-five, an A.R.P. worker, of Durant Street, B. 13, Green, appeared on remand charged with the murder of his mother, Ann Elizabeth Miller.

At a previous hearing Detective-Inspector O'Sullivan stated that Miller, when told he would be charged with murder, replied: "I did it to save her being dragged round to the shelters. She was suffering."

Miller had been employed on a rescue squad. Apparently that work had preyed on his mind, and lately he had been subdued and quiet, Mr. H. A. K. Morgan, prosecuting told Mr. Langton, the magistrate.

He had been taking his mother, who was seven-and-a-half,



A study in expressions as two Nazi airmen sit in a railway carriage prior to their departure to a prison camp. A picture at a London station. (Copyright, Fox).

to the Tube or some other shelter, and had been worried about her.

On the night of October 17-18 she was taken to a shelter by her two sons, Arthur and George, with whom she lived, and after they got back at 8 a.m. she was left in the house alone.

James Miller apparently went into the house, which was next door to his own, and strangled her.

Arthur Miller said his brother James was very fond of his mother.

Before joining the A.R.P. his brother was quite a happy man. Soon after he had joined he became morose.

Miller was committed for trial at the Old Bailey.

PLIGHT OF TOBRUK

In some ways, the plight of Tobruk is worse than that of Bardia, London circles pointed out last night.

The water supply is poor and drinking water has to be brought by sea from Derna, 115 miles further westwards — and it can be taken as certain that the Royal Navy will see that any attempt to get through by sea will fail. On land, we control the road running westwards.

The Germans seem to have little confidence in the Tobruk garrison, and are even hinting that the whole eastern province of Cyrenaica may have to be given up.

"The Hamburg 'Frederblatt,'" for instance, writes: —

"We must be resigned to the fact that the entire area of Cyrenaica is now in danger."

The news that the Italian losses in Bardia were around 45,000 makes the British casualty list of less than 600 even more remarkable. London semi-official circles point out.

Attacks by armoured vehicles often lead to success at small cost, but this proportion of 45,000 to 600 is a great tribute to General Wavell's strategy. — Reuter.

KLISSOURA TRIUMPH

THE BRITISH MILITARY MISSION IN GREECE HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO GENERAL PAPA-GOS, GREEK C.I.C. ON THE FALL OF KLISSOURA.

The message reads: —

"Thanks to the able command and the indomitable spirit of the Greek soldier, a strategic point which appeared impregnable, has been taken."

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700-MILE TREK THEN INTERNED

Penniless and famished, a Blackburn soldier walked 700 miles in four weeks after escaping from the Germans. Though now interned in unoccupied France, he hopes soon to rejoin his family.

He is Private George Roberts, of Trinity Street, who was reported missing after Dunkirk and later a prisoner in Germany.

He has now written home stating that he has escaped and has been interned by the French.

His letter was posted by an American in Gibraltar.

Private Roberts says that in four weeks he and a pal walked 700 miles. They had no money, were half-starved and were lucky to be alive.

"The American Consul is in charge of us out here," he writes, "and they say he is trying to get us home."

Private Roberts is thirty-two and has wife and two children. His regret was that he could not send them each a birthday card.

Did The Housework For Rich Wife

BELIEVED TO BE the first application of its kind, a husband who did all the housework for his wealthy wife was given £4 a week free of duty from her estate in place of a legacy of £1 a week.

The husband, Mr. Milbourne Silvester, of Prebend Gardens, Stamford Brook, W., now sixty-nine, who had given up his position as manager of licensed premises and devoted himself to his wealthy wife, applied to Mr. Justice Farwell in the Chancery Division under the Inheritance (Family Provision) Act, 1938, to increase the amount to £5 a week.

Mr. A. H. Droop, for Mr. Silvester, said he was forty-two when he married nearly twenty-seven years ago. He lived on amicable terms with his wife at Langdale Gardens, Hove, until her death last February.

Mrs. Silvester had no servant and the husband gave up his occupation to devote himself to her. He did all the housework and attended to her during several illnesses, she refusing to have a nurse.

In doing so, he was prevented from earning his own living and making provision for his old age.

Mrs. Silvester left about £19,000. She gave certain legacies, annuities of £104 to her sister and brother, and the residue to the National

Lifeboat Institution, Dr. Barnardo's Homes and the Church Army.

There was no explanation in the will of why she gave her husband only £1 a week. It was a great surprise to him as they were on the best of terms.

Mr. Justice Farwell said that in the ordinary way he did not think that applications of this kind by husbands should be encouraged. A husband should be able to maintain himself.

"First On Record"

This, however, was an exceptional case, and in his view Mr. Silvester had reason to feel that his wife had not made proper provision for him.

He had devoted himself to his wife and now, at the age of sixty-nine, he suddenly found himself with only £1 a week and slight opportunities of earning anything.

The Judge said he had come to the conclusion that it was a case in which the Court ought to make some reasonable provision for the husband beyond this small sum, and he directed that Mr. Silvester should have an additional £3 a week, making in all £4 a week, free of duty.

A barrister told a reporter that there was no record of a similar application having been made in the English courts.

The Act came into force in July, 1939.

"This Act has been in force for many years in New Zealand and no doubt applications of this kind have been made in that country," the barrister added.

VICTIM TIED TO RESCUER

Crawling under the wreckage of a bombed tenement in London, the caretaker tied himself to an unconscious woman and they were then hauled out by A.R.P. workers.

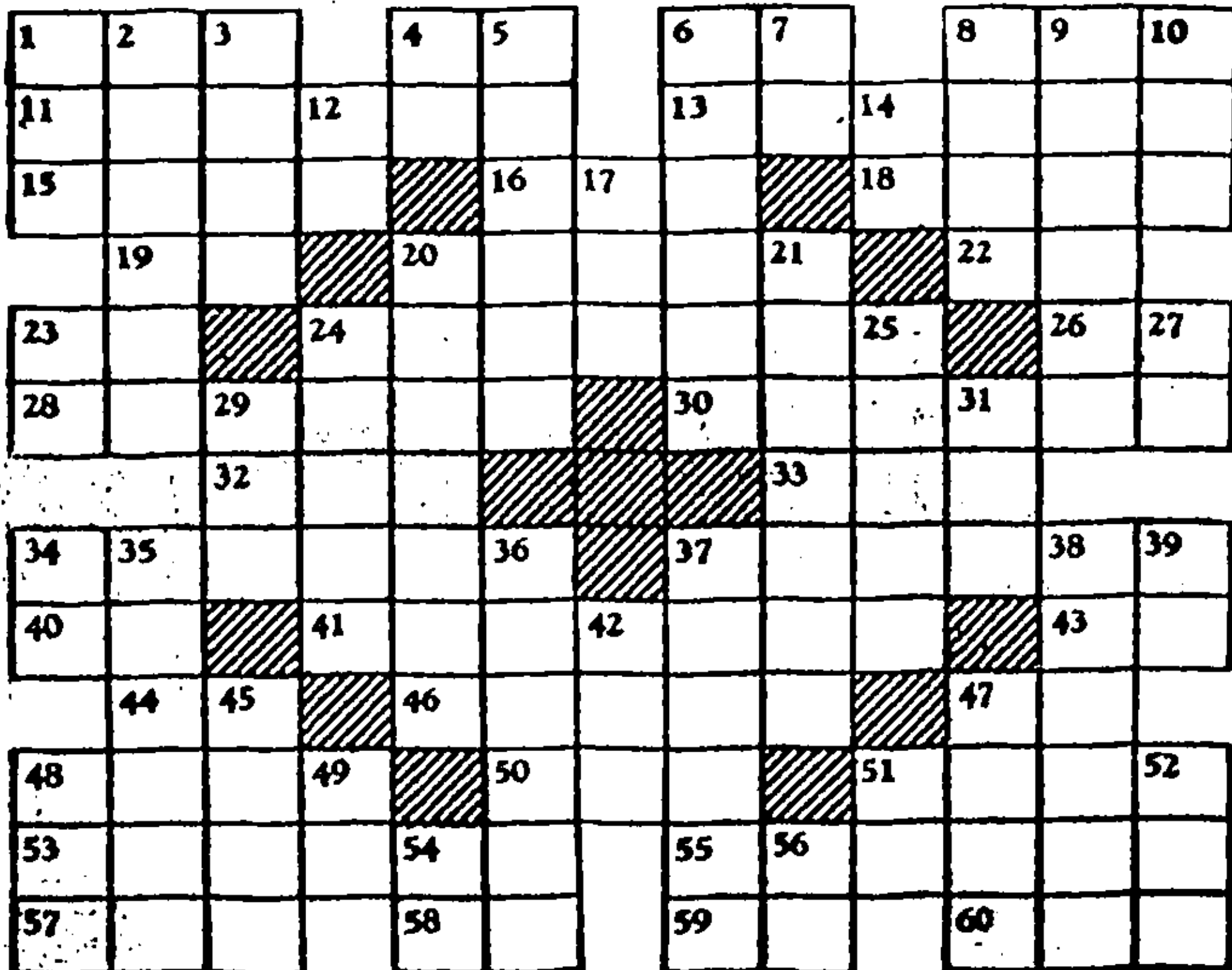
The woman is Mrs. H. Weddell. She is nearly eighty years of age.

One bomb hit the flat and another struck the shelter where 180 tenants had taken refuge.

Two emergency exits were cleared by the caretaker, Mr. H. Coates, and he got most of the tenants out safely.

About twenty people were buried under the debris, fourteen were extricated alive.

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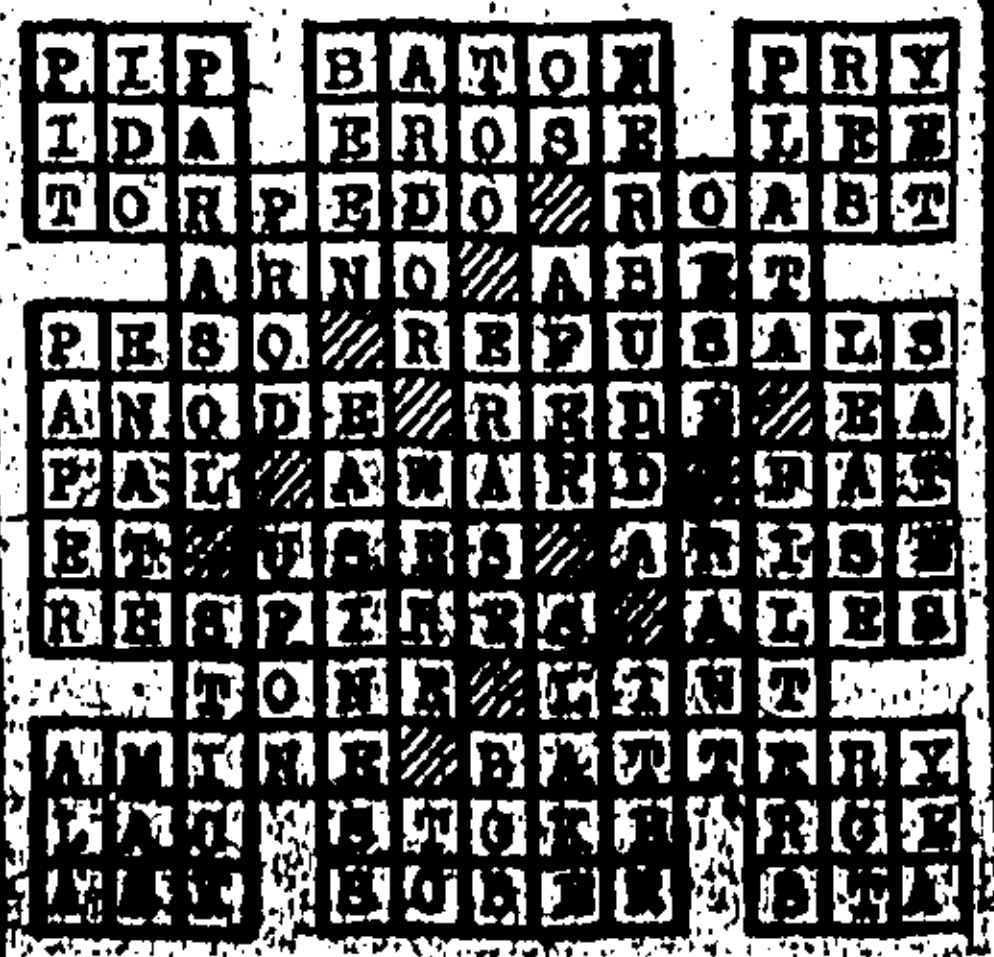


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1 Tree of the olive family
4 Pronoun
6 Earth goddess
8 Chalices
11 Group of singers
13 Moorish drum
15 Inflection
16 Vehicle
18 Competent
19 Brother of Odin
20 Navigates
22 Spanish article
23 Symbol for iron
24 Whim
26 Babylonian deity
28 Compartment
30 Desires
32 Constellation
33 Feels
34 To infuriate
37 Roman emperor
38 Colossal statue
39 Young hare
40 Negative
41 To exist
42 Wave

47 Siberian river
48 Labour
50 To assume
51 On top of
53 To wear away
55 To clothe
57 Ibsen character
58 Hypothetical force
59 Therefore
60 Nahoor sheep

VERTICAL
1 To perform
2 Digging implement
3 To sharpen
4 Greek letter
5 Leakage
6 Bulbous perennial
7 Latin conjunction
8 Curate
9 Club
10 Beverage
12 Concerning
14 Molten lava
17 Melody
20 Aborigines
21 Ice-boat
23 Note of scale
24 Zoophyte skeleton
25 To turn inside-out
27 Since
29 Vehicle
31 Silkworm
34 Printer's measure
35 Viceroy
36 Eluded
37 Places of corn at
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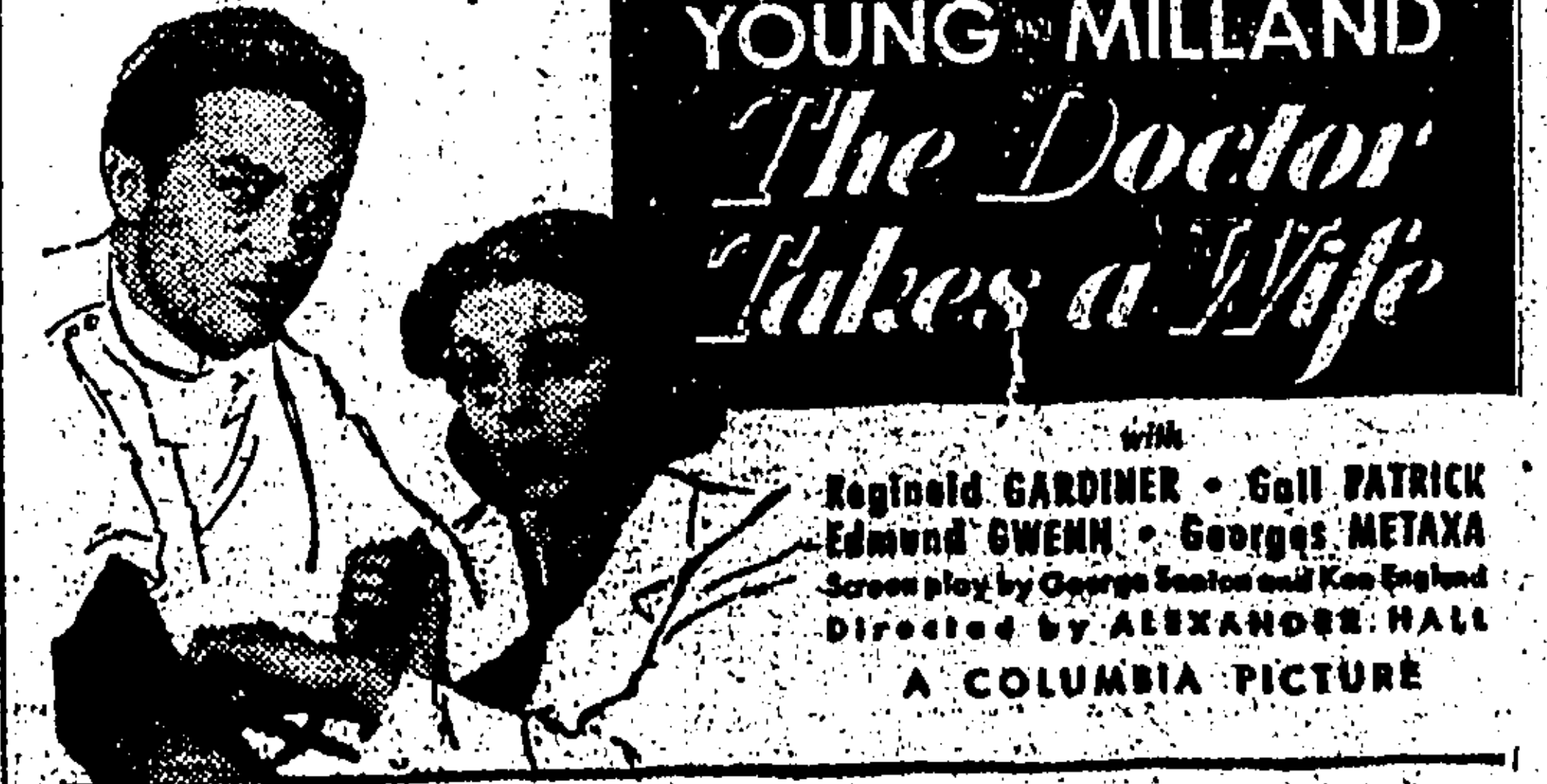
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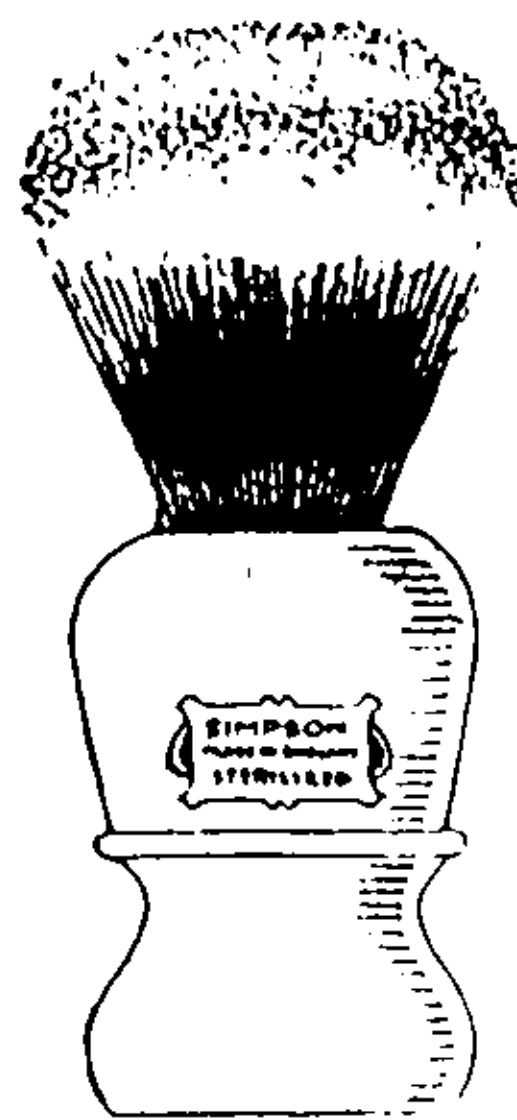
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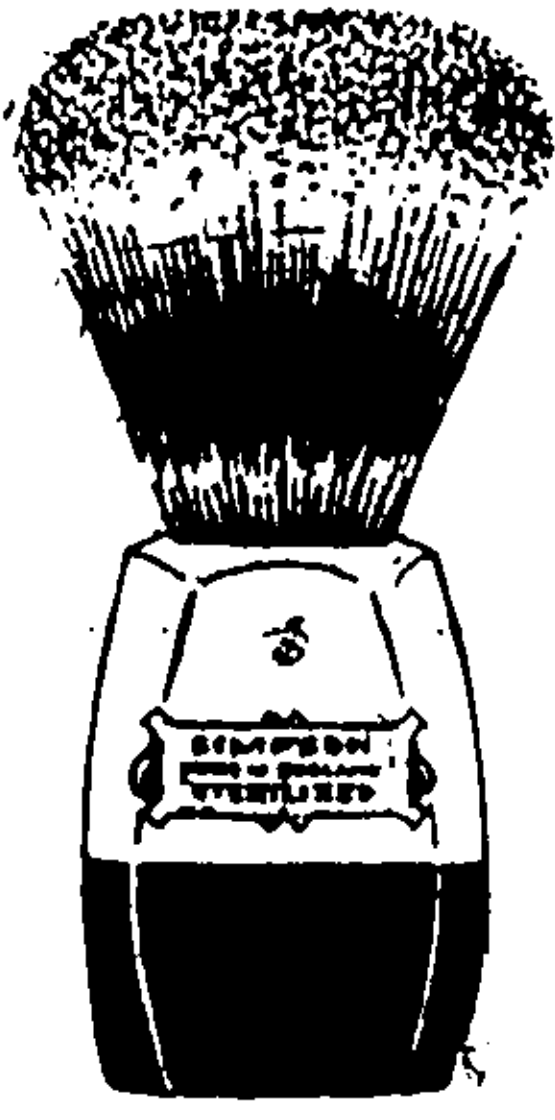
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GREATEST BLOCKADE IN HISTORY OF THE WORLD

BRITAIN IS CONDUCTING with a fair degree of success the greatest blockade in the history of the world. This was the substance of a broadcast last night by Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Mr. Foot cited the gradually increasing pressure of the blockade as one reason why he expected a "fresh attempt to break out" by Hitler "in the fairly near future." Second reason was the steady increase in the volume of American assistance to Britain.

Outlining two measures—compulsory navicerts and the ships warrants scheme—which Government had adopted to meet the situation arising from Germany's occupation of Western Europe, Mr. Foot stated that already four-fifths of ship's tonnage outside enemy countries was under British control or within the ships warrant scheme in which the many facilities under the British Control would be available only to ships which could show a ship's warrant issued by Britain.

Mr. Foot continued: "We have a new and formidable weapon—air bombardment of industrial targets."

Our Purpose

In the last war our blockade stopped short at the frontiers of Germany. That is why I, for one, hope that we shall never waste time in indiscriminate bombardment.

No doubt we might be justified in doing it by way of reprisal. But our purpose is to hit the enemy where it hurts him most.

When bombs fall on synthetic oil plants such as Leuna or on a great railway centre like Hamm we are striking directly at Germany's capacity to carry on the war.

It is a mistake to suppose that our well aimed blows at industrial objectives do not have a profoundly depressing effect upon the morale of the enemy.—British Wireless.

"MIKE" IS HIS OFFICE BOY

When callers on a Stockport firm press a bell-button in the outer office, a pleasant voice, apparently from nowhere, gives a cheery greeting and then asks, with deliberation, "Kindly state your business."

Waste paper is the firm's trade, but the management these days are determined not to waste time. So they are using an electrical office boy to send unwanted callers quickly on their way.

Up several flights of stairs, Mr. James Cookson, of Cookson and Lees, Ltd., Great Egerton Street, Stockport, supervises his staff of sorters and packers.

When the bell rings he speaks into a microphone. On the business of his visitor depends whether he goes down the stairs or stays put.

Mr. Cookson told a reporter that before the installation of the loud speaker he must have wasted hours every week interviewing people who thought they could talk themselves into an order or a job.

QUEEN RIDES IN ARMoured CAR

The Queen recently went for a ride in an armoured car in preference to the luxury of her own limousine.

She had been inspecting the armoured car, and was so impressed with it that she said she would like to have a ride.

At the time she was about to leave in her limousine, and at her own suggestion the officer in charge of the armoured vehicle agreed to take her.

She sat in the seat immediately behind the driver, who was a trooper of the Royal Armoured Corps.

Throughout the journey the Queen questioned the officer about the mechanism, and expressed the opinion that it was quite a comfortable ride.

She was surprised at the ease with which the vehicle was handled.

80, DEFIES GERMANS

In a Bucharest flat which she entirely decorated herself, a white-haired Englishwoman, aged eighty, is carrying on undaunted by the departure of the British colony and the arrival of German troops.

She refused all Legation appeals to leave, and will stay till the war is over.

"I've been here forty-six years," she said, "and this is my second German occupation. I'm sure they won't touch me."

"Last time they tried to get me out in an old goods wagon crowded with wounded. This time I jolly well stay where I am."

The final batch of 120 British evacuees which left for Constantinople included an English gardener and an English butler from the King's Palace, Sinaia, who stayed through the last German occupation, but this time they were caused to quit.

VICHY DELAYS A BANISHMENT

JEAN ZAY, France's former Minister of Education, though sentenced to life deportation, is not to go until the war ends for fear that he might be rescued on the way to French Guiana.

He cannot be sent to the New Caledonia penal settlement because the colony adheres to General de Gaulle.

It is also felt that his sentence—and others—may be revised after the war. He will remain in a military prison.

From Paris it is reported that the population continues to increase as the inhabitants drift back. Police Prefect Langelier estimates it at 2,000,000, or with the Seine Department suburbs, 3,500,000.

Expulsion of Jews from all municipal and public posts goes on. They now have to register in both occupied and unoccupied zones.

Future Success

Two thousand business men call on the Vichy Government, many have taken advantage of the opening of the

French-Spanish frontier, and daily the Barcelona-Madrid train carries a score or more on the way to Lisbon, to London or the United States.

They fear the whispered rumor that German occupation may be extended to the south of France when the Mediterranean winter campaign opens up.

Many business hotels remain open, but the food shortage is beginning to make itself felt. Certain black-out regulations have been imposed at the request of the Germans and British to prevent British planes using the coastline as a guide. But the law is not strictly enforced, and the Rue d'Antibes (Cannes) shines with light until midnight.

POCKET HERO OF RAID

Buster Kane, sixteen years old, just over 5ft-tall, is the Pocket Hero of Dalston, E. He runs to the bombs instead of away from them.

Three times when night raiders have dropped bombs near his home, Buster has been first on the scene, risking his life to get victims out of the debris.

He so impressed a police officer with whom he worked that he is being recommended for the George Medal.

Working feverishly with bombs, dropping and guns blazing, Buster ignored a big wall which threatened to crash at any moment, and helped the policeman to carry out victims from a shelter which had been hit.

Three minutes after they had carried the last victim to safety the wall crashed.

"Phew!" said Buster with a grin. "It was a near one."

Touch And Go

He was standing beside the stall in Ridley Road Market where he helps his mother during the day.

"That was a night, that was! We got about forty-three people out of a shelter, and it was touch and go. First of all we had to fight a fire, and I helped the firemen. Then I ran round to the back of the building and through the flames to reach the shelter."

"Another time I got three people out of a pub which was bombed."

"But don't make a fuss about this," he added modestly.

His mother, who was standing beside him, nudged him. "You'll cop it one of these nights, my boy," she said. But there was pride in her voice.

To me she said: "You'd never think that when he was born he was one of twins and weighed only two and a quarter pounds. He looks all right now, though."

"He's always been a devil. Never had any fear, he hasn't. Can't help being proud of him, y'know."

CHINA MAIL
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THE NAVAL BLOCKADE

Britain's most potent weapon against her foes is the constant pressure of the blockade. It was that slow, inevitable stranglehold that in the last war sapped Germany's stubborn powers of endurance so greatly that the country refused to face a fifth winter of privation, and collapsed in defeat. It is the same naval instrument that month by month constricts more and more uncomfortably the breathing room of Hitler's Germany. Certainly Germany will not lack for food and many other materials in this second winter of its totalitarian war. If there is any food famine in overrun Europe before next harvest, Germany will be directly responsible for it. As R. W. B. Clarke says in "Britain's Blockade," one of the latest of the authoritative Oxford Pamphlets, "As a long-term proposition the blockade of Nazi-dominated Europe cannot create starvation, much less famine, unless there is a catastrophic failure of harvest. Enough bread-grains can certainly be produced, supplemented by potatoes, to provide enough calories for every European."

The Nazis, in fact, are the only people who have it in their power to create starvation in Europe.

Britain has firmly turned down American proposals to send free food to Europe, not for any lack of humanitarian feeling towards the victims of Nazidom, but because of the treatment that Hoover's Relief Commission suffered at the hands of the Germans in the last war. To relieve hardship would give the less scrupulous Nazis a golden opportunity to evade their responsibilities, to make propaganda against Britain, and to get some free food, not only for the armies of occupation, but also for delivery to Germany, some of it to be turned into munitions.

During the last war, in Lloyd George's picturesque phrase, "the Allies floated to victory on a sea of oil." The oil consumption of Germany and Italy before this war was nearly 11 million tons a year. The present position must give the Axis Powers many premonitory alarms, even though they have gained the supplies of most of the occupied countries. The consumption of oil and petrol in the Blitzkrieg has been enormous, and the bombing of the hydrogenation

NATIONS, like individuals, feel stronger for the approbation of others in time of trial. It confirms their belief in their cause and in themselves. The moral support that comes from a sense of unity, if not of personal comradeship, is ill exchanged for the chilly, though splendid, isolation of the Athanasian attitude of one against all the rest.

That is why we read with such intense satisfaction favourable outside comment on any important development of British policy, and glow with special pleasures when, rising from the particular to the general, some authoritative voice pronounces a eulogy on English or British character. National policy must veer to some degree with the changing conditions of wind or sea: the essentials of character are more or less fixed with a certain assured quality of permanence.

The world has been full of our praise during the searching trials to which the fibre of the British people has been subjected. It has been no mere presentation of ceremonial bouquets. One can easily distinguish the frigid tribute of respect from the warm hand-clasp of friendship. We shall go forward with renewed confidence now that the faith of the outside world in England has manifestly been born again.

Hugo's Fine Phrase

It has helped to lift some of their worst apprehensions for themselves. The island bulwark of Freedom still stands. "Kepe thamyralte" was the advice of a sagacious counsellor 500 years ago, whose name unfortunately has been lost. The words have an odd look in their antique spelling, yet the sense is but thinly plated over. Keep the Admiralty is Tudor English for Rule the Waves. And this good counsellor added the reason why:

That we be maysters of the narrow sea.

A month of grim fighting has convinced the world that Britain still keeps the Admiralty of the narrow seas and has added thereto

the Admiralty of the Air above it. Our friends have been most generous in their acknowledgment.

A recent "Message For To-Day" consisted of a passage from Victor Hugo which probably communicated to many readers a thrill of pure pleasure. It was so generous and so apposite. It was so cheering and so true.

"England may be justly proud of her colossal strength and god-like repose. Stretched upon a rock rests the genius of England. She waits her hour but counts not the hours between."

In what year that passage was written I do not know, nor have I had the courage to search the many volumes of the Great Romantic in hope of finding it. If it was penned during his 18 years of exile in Jersey and Guernsey, while he watched the full meridian splendour of the Third Em-

By J. B. FIRTH

pire and its sudden plunge into the dark, it may be observed that not all exiles are half so grateful to the land which gives them safe shelter from their enemies. Indeed, for every political exile, from the days of the French Terror to the Red, who expressed an appreciative understanding of England, a score remained conscious chiefly of their acute discomforts in strange and uncongenial surroundings, or, like the adder in the story, bit the hand which warmed them at its fires.

We may be the more grateful, therefore, to the supreme egoist, who scorned the ordinary vocabulary of abuse of "perfid Albion" and the like and lavished upon England so superb a panegyric. Mark, too, how it continues:

"Her virtue and her patience have triumphed. The lamp of her faith, kindled upon apostolic altars, burns as a beacon to mankind. Her example has regenerated the erring; her mildness has rebuked the rebellious; and her greatness has enchanted the good."

Whence did Hugo derive his simile of the genius of England stretched upon a rock, waiting for the hour and regardless of the

slow passage of the painful hours between? I suppose he was thinking of the old legend of Prometheus chained to his rock, with the vulture for ever plucking at his vitals, in punishment for his having stolen Fire from Heaven and bestowing it as the first of all blessings upon Man. And this Fire, which, "kindled upon apostolic altars," illumines the lamp of England's Faith, what is it but the light of Liberty and Freedom, which the evil forces in the world are for ever striving to put out?

Unqualified eulogy is tolerable only in epitaphs and epitaphs are for the dead. England lives and to live in a world of men is to blunder often and fall far short of the stature of perfection. But the will to approximate to perfection is there, and the national rule of life has never been quite obliterated even when achievement has sunk to its lowest level.

England has been pulled up with a sudden jerk many times after living too easily, too carelessly and too slothfully upon the honey in her hive. Liberty and Freedom have produced Democracy, and Democracy is the most difficult form of government yet invented and not the easiest, as so many of its most vehement advocates but worst friends would have us believe. For it encourages Make-Believe—the bubbles which please the eye as they float away into the inane or collapse at the first contact with hard reality. The Make-Believe that there would—and could—be no more war landed us where we are, but mercifully on our feet, wide-awake and in the mood for strenuous action.

'New Order' Spectre

"I think we must get rid of slavery" wrote a far-seeing American in 1856 "or we must get rid of Freedom." His compatriots had to fight a bitter Civil War a few years later to decide which they would retain and which reject. We in our turn are fighting the most desperate of all our wars to decide whether we are to get rid of Freedom or of Hitlerism, which, with Fascism and sundry

other variants is Freedom's implacable foe.

The "New Order" which Europe is offered by the Axis Powers is no more than a shrouded Shape, undefined in outline, but black and menacing, suggesting hidden terrors and oppressions, new subjections of body and mind, new infamies in tyranny and its instruments and new and more abject subserviences in the slave.

England stands for the Freedom that she has made her own through the centuries. Her free and unbanded eyes pierce the Shape and can trace the foul abominations which lurk within. The fate of the Czechs and the Poles—marked down for utter extermination as a State by the apostles of blood and iron from Bismarck onwards—is sufficient warning what would be our own. "If a tyrant's hand descends on England, a conqueror with his armies, let none think to escape. None, say I. Is there one of English blood who while he lives will feel the joy as heretofore of primroses in spring, the scent of summer meadows, the carolling of birds, the good fellowship of market day? The very laughter of the children will be hollow. We shall be a different people. Mr. Speaker, we are not of different fibre from our forebears."

Thus Mr. Pitt, in one of his rarest moods, in 1803, and the moving sentences refute the libel that he was cold and bloodless. Every word is no less true of today, save that it would be reckoned a crime for our children to laugh at all.

England has risen to a peak of greatness which, in Victor Hugo's phrase, has "enchanted the good." Who are the good? They are the good citizens, the good, decent folk of every nation throughout the world who fondly cherish either the actuality or the memory of Public Faith and Public Liberty as the secular religion of the State. They rejoice to know England once more "backed by God and the sea" and presenting a dauntless front to embattled hatred.

It always gives me singular pleasure when I light upon outspoken and ungrudging tributes paid by eminent Americans to the English character as being the nearest in kind to their own. Happily, there have always been such Americans, even when Anglo-American relations have been at their worst, who have not shrunk from proclaiming their faith in Great Britain as one of the strongest pillars of political Liberty.

Ignoring the froth and spume of current controversies, refusing to be swayed by this section or that of American opinion which has had its own reasons for nursing an ancient grudge with England; unmoved by transient squabbles over boundaries and tariffs or resentments at ill-kept pledges, or what has seemed a wilful lack of sympathy and understanding, these Americans have never doubted that the British people were like-minded with themselves on the major problems of public and private conduct. The blood tie counts each year for less and less as the earliest strains become more diluted. What matters now is similarity or identity of ideal, codes of conduct, rules of life.

Freedom Is At Stake

Let us cherish fine sayings like these and forget the querulous fault-finding of lesser men. The United States have recently sent many of their shrewder observers over here to see how the English could stand up to the Blitzkrieg, how they could take severe punishment; and to discover whether they had a sporting chance. Such of their reports as I have seen breathe the kindness not of pity but of admiration—just as one would have it be.

As in 1916, so now. Then Mr. Page, the United States Ambassador, while protesting that he "daily grew stronger in his Americanism—real Americanism, not the hyphenated counterfeit," declared his belief that "the only invincible thing in Europe are these same English." And he added, "Just when you'd like to hang them for their stupidity, you become aware of such noble stuff in them that you thank God that they were your ancestors. And Europe would be a bloody slave pen to-day but for them."

More than half Europe actually is a "bloody slave pen" to-day thanks to Hitler. The best hope of the slaves lies in the prowess of the fighting men of Britain and the Dominions and the solid endurance of the ordinary men and women of what Kipling loved to call "the Breed."

How To Conquer U.S.A.

(Condensed from the book "Nichi Bei Sen Chikashi" (Japanese-United States War Imminent), published in Tokyo).

WHEN and where a Japanese-American war will be fought we cannot say. No matter from what motives hostilities may come to be opened, or whether we assume the offensive or the defensive, there can be no doubt that Hawaii will be the most important strategic point in a war between America and Japan.

Success or failure in the struggle for this strategic point will prove a decisive factor in the war. With the Hawaiian Islands as her base of operations, America could bomb Tokyo or Osaka without

plants in Germany by the R.A.F. has reduced that expensive method of extracting petrol from coal by 50 to 80 per cent. Italy, of course, has no coal of its own, and only a small oil well in Albania, now in the battle zone. Rumania supplies probably 6 million tons. Of Russia's output Stalin can spare almost as little to Germany as he can foodstuffs. Under the blockade, with railway bottlenecks, sabotage, and a frozen Danube, the Nazi outlook on its oil future is a bleak one. Already the current supplies available to Europe are less than one-half of peace consumption. Germany and Italy will sooner or later float to defeat on an ebb-tide of oil. The mechanised tanks of Germany and its clouds of dive-bombers, bereft of oil, become mere lifeless ironmongery.

much difficulty, provided she uses aeroplanes and airships of superior quality.

While Hawaii is an American possession, Japan would have to remain on the defensive. But if, on the contrary, Japan occupies the islands, her fleet would find itself in a position not only to assume the offensive, but also to bomb the cities on the west coast of America.

In a war with America, therefore, we must at all costs, even at the sacrifice of a few vessels, take possession of Hawaii. The distance between Hawaii and the

By Kiykatsu Sato

American continent is a little smaller than that between the islands and Japan. This would mean that at the outbreak of hostilities the American fleet or fleets of warships would be able to get to the islands before the Japanese, in so far as both fleets have the same speed. For this reason our navy must needs possess ships far speedier than American.

If the main squadron of American were in the Hawaiian waters at the outbreak of war, then a clash between the American and Japanese main fleets would have to take place somewhere between the islands and Yokohama. Should our navy emerge victorious from this battle, it would be able to occupy Hawaii, and its subsequent operations would be facilitated.

The opposite result of this battle would compel the Japanese Navy to remain on the defensive and would render its operations extremely difficult. The great thing is, therefore, for Japan to see that hostilities are opened before the main strength of the American Fleet is brought to Hawaii and that her naval operations take place with lightning speed.

The struggle for Hawaii thus constitutes the first stage of a Japanese-American war. On the assumption that Hawaii was captured by our navy, the Japanese forces would undertake as the next step the task of destroying the Panama Canal and the main squadron of America.

If the Japanese Navy succeeded in crushing the American Fleet in the Pacific, landing on the Pacific coast of America would become easy.

At the same time the Panama Canal must be destroyed, as the maintenance of traffic through it would facilitate supplies to the American Navy.

Attacks should be made on the canal by an effective air fleet. The destruction of the canal and the American Fleet would literally be half the battle. Thus would end the second period of the war.

The third period would begin with a landing of Japanese forces on the western coast of the American continent, and the work of destroying the cities and naval ports on the west.

The next course would be to form the main line of defence along the Rocky Mountains, so that our military troops might be massed in the occupied areas along the coast.

Preparations made west of the Rockies, our army would now take the offensive and advance towards the east coast. This would usher in the fourth and the last period of the war.

Each period would probably last one or two years; the third and the fourth periods would last the longest. Thus the war would last at least six or seven years; it might even drag out to last longer. If and when Japan, forestalled by America, finds it impossible to occupy Hawaii, her navy would see the wisdom of deferring a decisive battle with the American ships till full preparations were completed.

Meanwhile, our coast might be subjected to bombardment and the main cities to attacks from the air. Our army would have to defend the coast facing the Pacific and stave off the enemy's landing, while our flotillas of destroyers and submarines would watch for an opportunity of attacking the enemy's capital ships.

When thoroughly ready, our main squadron would go forth and battle decisively with the enemy's. A victory for the Japanese Navy would naturally be followed by the capture of Hawaii and other operations, as described before.

Whether Japan acts on the offensive or on the defensive, a war with America would certainly be a protracted one involving much sacrifice and demanding the utmost perseverance of the nation as a whole.



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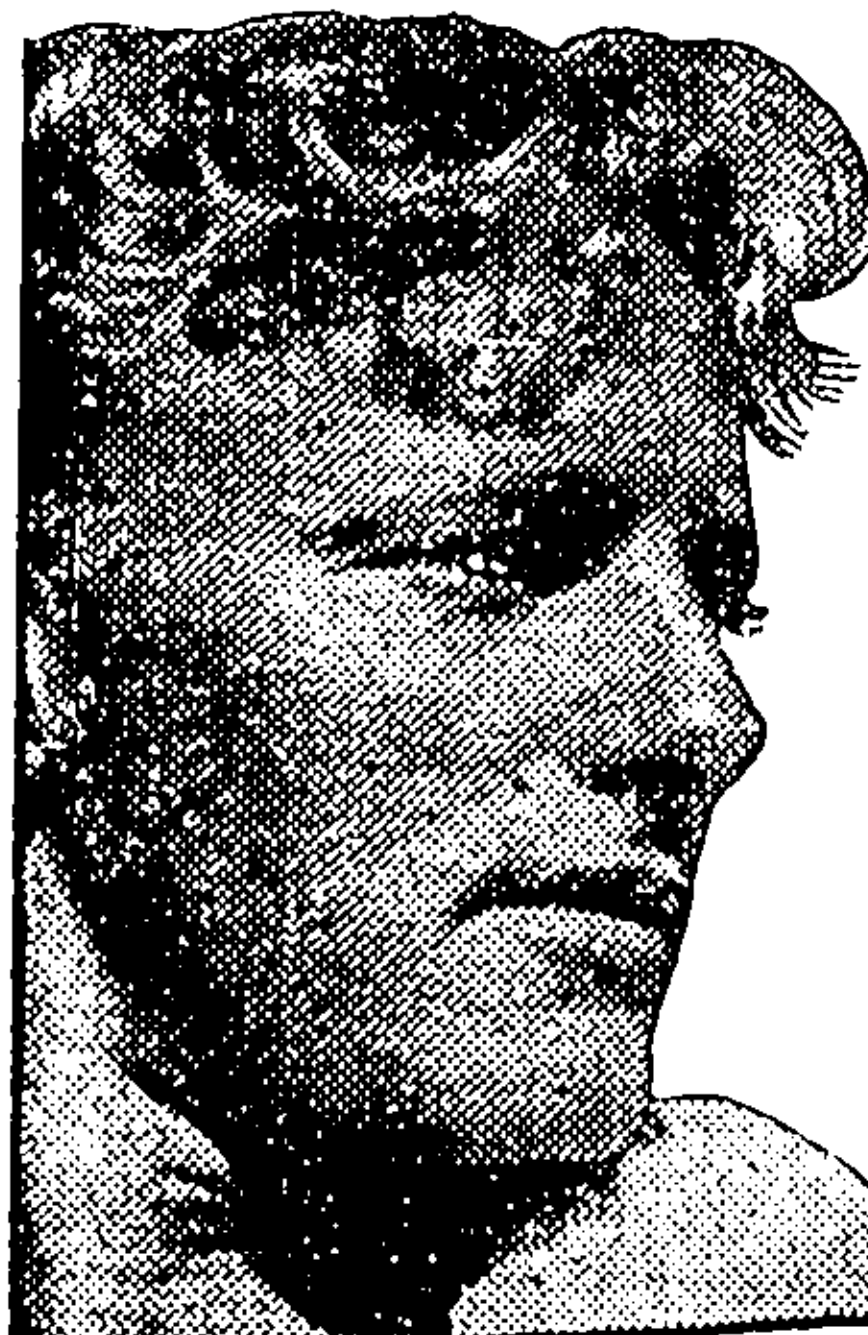
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SHELTER WITH 1,000 HIT BY BOMB

A HIGH-EXPLOSIVE bomb scored a direct hit on a shelter in a London Square during night raids—but of the thousand people taking refuge there only two women were injured. They were buried under part of the shelter and had to be dug out by police and wardens. Three people who were in the road when the bomb burst were also injured.

A woman who was in the shelter said: "I was lying near the wall when there was a terrific explosion. The electric lights went out and the smell of burning powder made us think for a moment that gas had been used.

"But the wardens soon restored order, and in a short while had instituted emergency lighting with hurricane lanterns."

The London area had two raid warnings during the night. The first, lasting seven hours thirty-five minutes, was the longest of the war. Twenty-eight minutes after the "All clear" there was another warning, which lasted only thirty-four minutes. There were a number of casualties.

A bomb burst in a square in front of a block of tenement houses, breaking windows—but a row of old houses on the other side of the street, due for demolition, was practically destroyed.

Risked Life For Depot

A store in a busy thoroughfare was hit, and people in a shelter at the side escaped, with few exceptions, unhurt. The only casualties were from glass.

Bombs fell on a railway station in an eastern suburb, disrupting traffic for a short time.

For the fourteenth successive night enemy raiders were in the Midlands. Bombs fell on a small works at one town and two casualties are reported.

Circled by flames from a quelling incendiary bomb, a man and a nine-year-old boy drove a blazing lorry from a bombed garage into a London street.

They knew that at any moment they might be blown to pieces, but they took the risk to save a clothing depot.

The youth Arthur Mitchell, and the man, John Garvin, were at work late while colleagues were trying to find them to congratulate them on their heroism.

Gallant Losing Battle

Incendiary bombs from a "Molotov bread-basket" rained on the suburb in which they live, shortly before dawn. One bomb fell on the garage, pierced the roof, and landed on a two-ton lorry laden with children's clothing.

Seeing the bomb fall, John Garvin ran from his home with a stirrup pump and burst into the garage. He was joined by other helpers.

They fought the fire, but it was a losing battle. The lorry was burning furiously, the flames were spreading, and the entire building was in danger.

Without heeding the risk, Garvin, a motor-driver, leaped into the cabin of the lorry in an attempt to drive it into the street. But the ignition key was missing. It had been hidden by the lorry driver.

Display of Grit

Then young Mitchell ran into the garage. He jumped through a sheet of flame into the cabin, snatched the key from its place of concealment beneath the dashboard, gave it to Garvin, and together the rescuers got the lorry into the street.

"It was a grand display of grit," said an eye-witness, "and between them they saved the whole depot. I have no doubt the entire building would have been destroyed."

"It needed real pluck to drive that lorry knowing that at any moment the petrol might explode and blow them to pieces, or that they might be trapped in the cabin and roasted to death."

BOMBED HIS SPECS.

Turn of the head to speak to the man beside him saved Mr. Leon Dattner, of Golders Green, London, when a night raider bombed a bus on the outskirts of London.

A piece of bomb casing, passing through the tiny opening between his face and the side-piece of his spectacles, flew through a lens.

The splinter would have penetrated his head if he had not turned to a fellow-traveller to say: "Why is there no bombing?"

Mr. Dattner, a Polish business man now awaiting his call-up to the Polish Army, was dozing in the bus when it swerved violently to avoid colliding with a car carrying full headlights.

"The swerve woke me up," Mr. Dattner told a reporter. "I thought that travelling with such headlights was inviting the enemy to bomb us."

"I turned to the man beside me and said: Why is there no bombing?"

"That moment came a terrible crash and explosion. A bomb had dropped. It had fallen about six yards away. One or two people were wounded by splinters."

CANADIAN'S MOBILE GAS DEFENCE

Canadian troops were the first to experience the horrors of gas in the last war. To the equipment of the Canadian forces in the present war has been added

GHOST TOWN IS READY FOR THE INVADERS

By A Special Correspondent

THIS PART of the English coast is a country of flat roads, inland waterways, barricaded streets, barbed-wire and pill-boxed beaches, ready for the invaders. Many of the inhabitants have left but those who remain are eager to see the invaders and will be disappointed if Hitler abandons his plans.

To walk about after dark is to be the only human out, with the ring of your shoes as a mocking echo from the thousands of ghosts who inhabit the houses of people who have gone away.

Number one topic of conversation is the invasion, and people have decided that Hitler's armies will come first to the East Anglian coast.

Girls Disappointed

For the older residents, the invasion threat is no novelty. During the early part of the last war, leaflets about what to do in the case of attempted enemy landings were distributed in some places on this part of the coast. They were put aside and forgotten.

At the week-end—all keyed up by Mr. Churchill's invasion

"CHASE": AND THE NAVY DID

British warships going full speed ahead, in pursuit of four enemy destroyers, saw the enemy turn broadside to fire torpedoes.

The British ships did not alter course immediately—this would have meant losing ground—but held on their course, skilfully manoeuvred to dodge the torpedoes and went on with the chase.

This story of the running fight with fleeing German destroyers 100 miles south-west of Land's End was told by a correspondent who was in one of the British warships.

Harried From The Air

Nelson's famous signal "Chase" was again run up to the yardarm when the enemy was sighted late in the evening he says.

With the famous signal, which exists in no other navy but the British, our forces opened fire at extreme range.

The biggest thrill was the quick movement to dodge the torpedoes; but there was plenty of excitement later when enemy bombers attacked.

Not a hit was registered, though some of the bombs fell close in an attack which was described by the flotilla commander as a magnificent anti-aircraft practice "shoot."

Under cover of the growing darkness the enemy was able to escape, though the pursuit was kept up till we were within thirty miles of Brest and he was being harried by our planes all the time.

Thought Again

Germany has just discovered where the action took place. Goebbels's first version was that the German ships approached the Bristol Channel, sighted the British ships and chased them into the Channel after hitting one with a torpedo.

Later they thought again and issued a fresh communique. It makes the same extravagant claims as the other, except that it now confirms the Admiralty statement as to the scene of the chase.

a new unit to protect them if they meet gas again.

Under the direction of a prominent Montreal medical specialist there has been set up a chemical warfare defence laboratory on wheels, which will operate in front-line areas and ascertain at once the nature of any new gas the enemy may use.

warning—the shop girls were disappointed a bit when after waiting and watching on the sea front until midnight, they didn't see anything of it.

They had to go home to bed, but many people sat up at open windows on the sea front for hours, just waiting.

There is no alarm, though the air-raid buzzer, as they call the sirens, sounds oftener than in a good many coastal towns.

The picture palaces are full, the pubs, too, and the two dances a week always attract more girls than there are soldiers and sailors to partner them.

WAR IN HARDY'S COUNTRY

(By A Special Correspondent)

A TOUR OF THE AREA of the Southern Command embraces Thomas Hardy's country — there can be no secret about that. How the poet of "The Dynasts" would have been stirred by the sights that are to-day to be seen in his Wessex!

The swarming of uniformed men, the multiplication of defensive works, the nightly whirr of sinister aircraft, the huge diagrams that the search-lights draw across the sky — all these would have been matter for the author of the great drama of another time, when

England stood forth to the sword of Napoleon
Nakedly — not an ally in support of her.

Hardy would have found a subject for ironical treatment in the disproportion that there often is between the tremendous apparatus of the German raiders, and the meanness of their destructiveness. A bombing aeroplane, the latest word in human science and ingenuity, comes fiercely in from the sea with a mission to strike a blow at the heart of England. What it accomplishes may merely be the random wrecking of an ancient, primitive moorland cottage miles from anywhere. A subject for Hardy's verse!

And then there is the strangeness of the militarised holiday beaches. These are not altogether deserted by their old frequenters. But for every pair of white flannelled trousers to be seen those of khaki number hundreds.

Gaps For Bathers

Bathers go down to the sea through occasional gaps in the wire. Bandstand and tea-shop find grim new neighbours alongside them on the promenade, neighbours that have sprung up overnight like mushrooms, but mushrooms of concrete.

What, above all, needs a Hardy to do justice to it is the spirit of the men now guarding the Wessex coasts. In one region the anti-aircraft batteries are manned by Cornish territorials. They spent tedious months with few or no targets. Now the war has come to them; and a brigadier himself a Cornishman, told me that when leave is due, they are reluctant to go, so keen are they not to be out of a scrap.

Every day adds to their experience and technique. The gunner considers himself a privileged fellow. His job calls for quick wits and initiative. He knows that the humblest member of the battery can make his individual contribution.

Ordeal In France

Some of these batteries have been through the ordeal of the French campaign. I know one, an Ulster unit, which in May and June fought its way from the Belgian frontier back to Normandy. At Chabouy it defended the embarkation of the Highland and Mechanised Divisions, and was in action down to 10 o'clock at night on June 18.

At 10 minutes past 10 that evening orders came to pack up. Half an hour later the guns were at the harbour, and by 11 o'clock were on board and the ship was pulling out. One gun only, the last, was lost through the collapse of a crane.

These Ulstermen, a first-rate lot of fellows now in position somewhere in the Southern Command, are re-equipped to their great satisfaction.

Many times in recent weeks I have watched air fighting, only to be baffled by the poor view that ordinary field-glasses give of the details of battles high in the blue. The public should know that the anti-aircraft equipment gives the gunners a close-up of events happening miles up in the sky.

Defending The Beaches

The beaches in the area of the Southern Command are very numerous and call for different measures of defence. Some are exposed to the full force of the Atlantic. And while, in the golden holiday weather of recent days, they looked easily enough accessible, autumn brings its formidable rollers.

The defences of the beach vary also according to the pos-

RAIDER SHAKES HIS FIST

During a daylight Alert in London, people in a street gunned by a lone raider saw one of the crew lean out and shake his fist at them from a height of 50ft.

This plane, a fighter-bomber with a crew of three, was one of several which swept low out of cloud and mist to machine-gun districts in London and East Anglia.

It dived to within 80ft of the ground before opening fire with machine-guns and a cannon.

Then, banking, it came 30ft. lower. The crew did not fire again, but the man behind the pilot shook his fist.

A dive-raider narrowly missed house-tops in another London area. People in the streets and in a park ran for shelter. None was hurt.

Bomb In Room

Several bombs were dropped. People returning from church were in the streets of these two districts. There were several casualties.

Houses were demolished by bombs and there were casualties, some fatal.

A.A. guns fired and the bomber was seen with black smoke pouring from its tail.

A plane, flying a few feet above the roof tops, machine-gunned several streets in a working-class district of an East Anglian town. Bullets and broken glass flew into scores of rooms where families were having their tea, but no one was seriously injured.

Mr. H. W. Smith, seventy-one-year-old pensioner, and his housekeeper, Mrs. E. Simpson, also aged seventy-one, escaped when a bomb exploded in their living room.

A raider appearing low over the East Anglian coast machine-gunned a passenger bus and a private car.

The bullets splattered into the hedgerow by the side of the vehicles.

After A.A. and machine-gun fire, the raider began to lose height rapidly.

The Air Ministry said one enemy bomber was destroyed during the day. One R.A.F. fighter was lost.

During an evening Alert bombs fell in a residential area of London.

sibility and usefulness of inland penetration by the enemy. I spent one morning at a spot which may seem tempting to German strategy. The colonel of the battalion posted there was justifiably proud of the provision made to welcome uninvited tourists from overseas.

As well as all the customary devices, he has one of two little surprises up his sleeve. One of these in particular promises such a picturesque effect that the battalion will be heartily disappointed if circumstances prevent it from being brought into play.

NAZI HAD HIS WORRY

Difficulties of flying over London through snow, with ice forming on the plane, were described over the German radio by a Nazi pilot.

"Ice began to form on our plane when we were across the coast, and we flew into a heavy snow-storm over London."

"The guns and everything else in the cockpit were covered with snow, and we could see nothing through the windows."

Then, he said, he "unloaded his bombs" — but he did not specify any target — and made for home through heavy A.A. fire.

"Suddenly we found that we were unable to take wireless bearings owing to strong atmospheric discharges."

"The icing-up of the machine had become serious, making the machine lazy and piloting difficult. Suddenly our starboard engine failed and shortly afterwards the port engine."

He described how he came lower, got his engines going again and reached his base.

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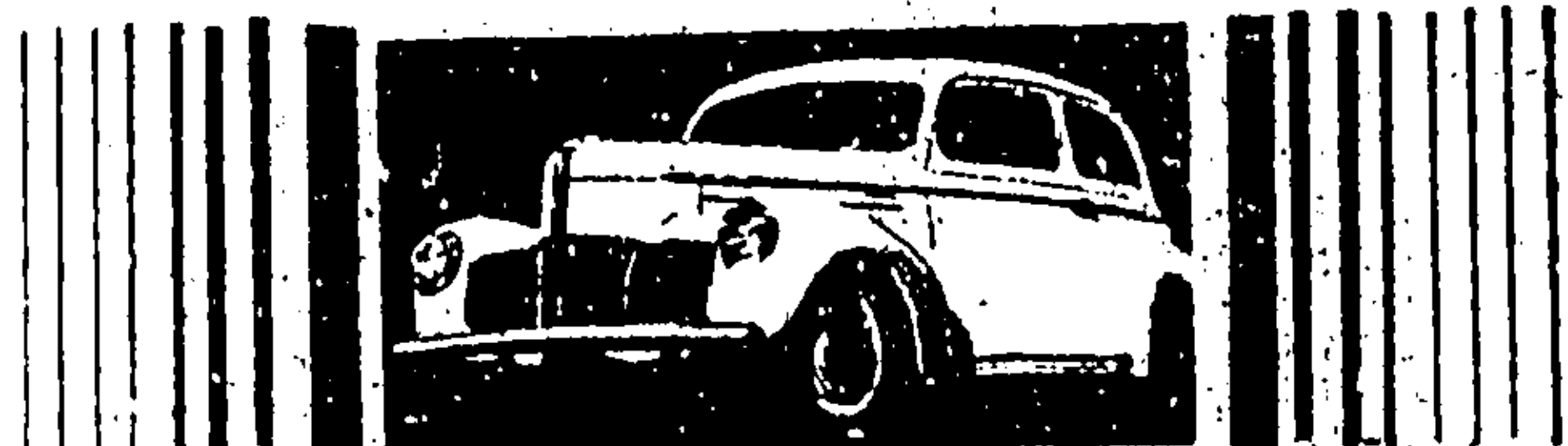
Propaganda against Eire is to be the subject of a question by Mr. J. McGovern (I.L.P., Shettleston) to the Minister of Information.

Mr. McGovern will ask if in the interests of both countries, the Minister will take steps to put an end to the propaganda now circulating in this country against Eire, particularly that relating to the refuelling of submarines off the west coast of Ireland from Free State sources.

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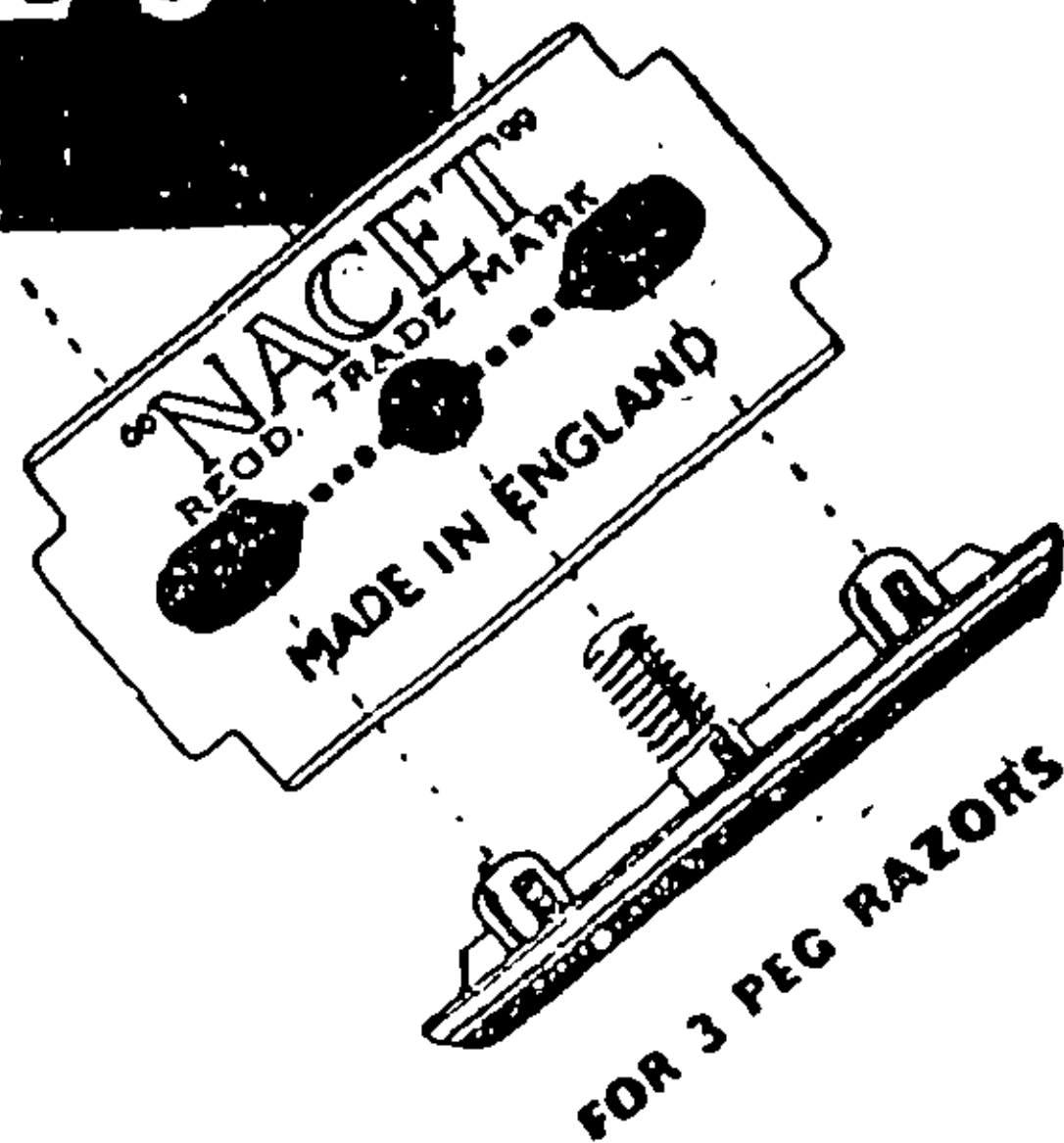


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Victorian Forts Still Serve

While the new defences, which in the last few months have transformed the shores of England from playgrounds to bristling fortresses, can be referred to only in the most general way, there is no reason for not mentioning the Spithead forts by name. They have been there since Palmerston's day, and everyone who has crossed to the Isle of Wight has seen their tubby forms.

It is a curious experience to be the guest of the war-time garrisons out here. Southsea promenade is not far away, and the Isle of Wight is still nearer, but if the sea is angry or a fog comes down you may be cut off from land for days on end.

The guest sees much that is attractive in this possibility, for his hosts are the best of good fellows; and while they have vitally responsible work to do, they are sensible enough to make their strange existence on their small islands of masonry reasonably comfortable.

Army in Command

The conditions of life are partly those of a lighthouse and partly of a warship. The Army is in command but the Navy is a close collaborator.

The forts are more numerous than the average passenger on the Ryde packet would suppose, and it may be said, without going into details, that they are more formidable than in Palmerston's day. They are built on sandbanks, and much of the accommodation is below the sea.

These Victorian forts were built at what was for the period, gigantic cost, and are enormously massive.

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Meal For all Dunkirk Men

The Kentish village of Headcorn, nine miles south-east of Maidstone, will for ever be associated with the feat of the Royal Army Service Corps as the hundreds of thousands of exhausted B.E.F. men poured home from Dunkirk. It was here that the majority of the trains London-bound from the Channel ports were first stopped. And here every man was fed.

A stop of eight minutes for each train was all that could be allowed. Besides over 300,000 men of the B.E.F. there were upwards of 50,000 Frenchmen, Belgians, Dutchmen and Poles. One hundred trains daily carried them all inland. This went on for 12 days.

Regulations Relaxed

All official regulations were relaxed to cope with the great problem of feeding so many men. The unit of the R.A.S.C., which was at the spot was at the time not very much over peace-time strength. It called on civilian help, and there were willing hands in plenty.

Mountains of sandwiches grew half a dozen times a day on the station platform and half a dozen times went down again. Fresh beef was roasted on spit in open trenches beside the railway track. One district bakery alone produced 50,000lb. of bread daily.

With so little time to spare, everything had to be handed in through carriage windows.

BRIDGE NOTES

WINNING A TOP By The Four Aces

At Rubber Bridge, South's feat would be of minor importance, but since it took place in a tournament, winning two tricks more than any other South player won him a top score:

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
K J 5
10 6 3
A K Q 5
A K 6
Q 7 4
K Q
J 9 8 4
Q 10 9 3
N
W
E
S
2
A J 9 8
6 4 2
10 6 2
7 4
A 10 9 8 6 3
7
7 3
J 8 5 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ 1♥ 1♠ Pass
3♣ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the King of hearts and continued with the Queen. South ruffed.

South knew that a 3-1 split of the outstanding trumps was more likely than a 2-2 split, and West's possession of two heart honours indicated that East's bid had been based on unusual heart length. That length, in turn, indicated probable shortness in some other suit — most likely spades. South therefore decided to play East for a singleton spade.

At the third trick, therefore, South cashed the spade Ace; and then he finessed dummy's spade Jack. The spade King drew West's last trump, and the Ace and King of clubs were cashed in preparation for a squeeze. South regained the lead by ruffing a heart and led his last trump. Dummy could spare the low club, but any discard by West would establish either dummy's last diamond or South's Jack of clubs.

At most other tables, the trump finesse was not taken and the squeeze was not executed. Most declarers therefore lost a trump, a heart, and a club — making only ten tricks instead of the twelve which took the top score.

Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for your side, you held:

♠ 5 2
♥ 6 3
♦ A K J 8 6
♣ K 7 4 3

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Maier You
Pass Pass Pass (?)

ANSWER: Pass. Opening the bidding fourth-hand without the slightest vestige of strength in the majors is doubtful wisdom under any circumstances, but worse when you have a part-score. The opponents will surely bid and will either drive you too high or will themselves make a part-score in one of the major suits.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for one diamond.

Question No. 612

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 7
♥ Q 8 5
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K 10 8 7

The bidding:
Maier Schenken You Jacoby
1♠ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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BOMB ROME, SAY TURKS

The R.A.F. should bomb Italian bases and Italian cities, including Rome.

That advice is given by the Turkish radio. It would be the best way for Britain to help Greece, it was added.

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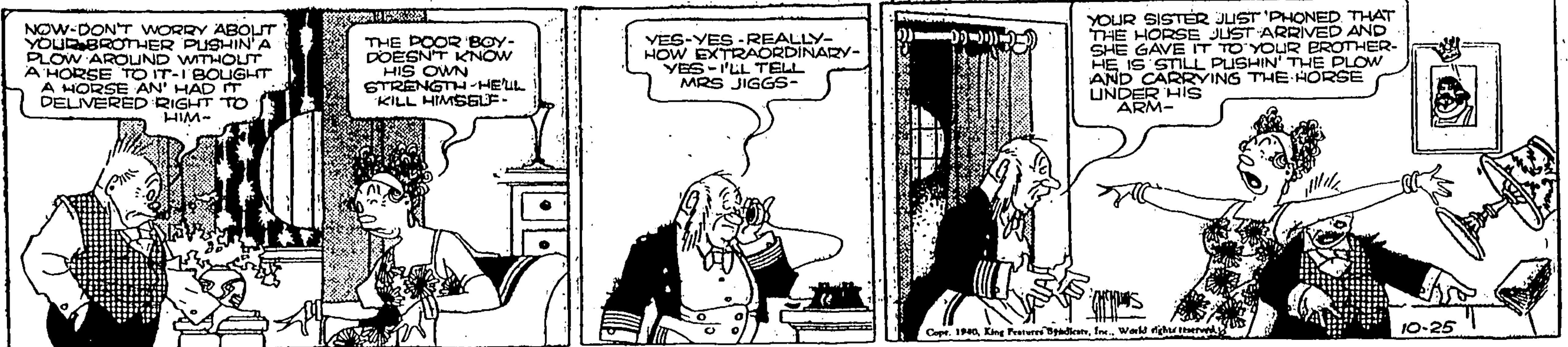
Here's Luck

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Informal Evening Fashion

Coiffures, like hat fashions, have their cycles. For years you recall the sleek mannish bob held its sway. Then suddenly waves and ringlets appeared on every feminine head to be followed by the up-swept fashion which almost banished hats from a woman's wardrobe. Currently the long bob and pompadour is being favoured but if we heed the predictions of our more advanced hair stylist we are in for a new sleekness of hair styling—not a mannish sleekness but a very feminine, sculptured, classic sleekness.

Josef, hair stylist of a fashionable beauty salon, is first to sponsor what he calls the draped-coiffure. It is a classic revival of hair-do inspired by Greek and Roman sculpture with the accent on simplicity of line instead of decoration. If you know your ancient art you will recall that Greek heads were sharply outlined, the hair plastered closely in flat swirls or soignée short flat half-curls.

This new draped coiffure, we are told, is in harmony with a current trend for greater simplicity in fashion. No bangs, no fluff, no fat curls to destroy the symmetry of a beautiful feminine head. Or no waves piled high with clustered, distracting ringlets.

The hair is treated in the same manner as Alix treats fabrics—it is draped to the contour or one's head. Drawn back smoothly from the face with soft folded curls on the sides and a drapery effect cascading down the back. A coiffure which is equally flattering for day or evening, to young or mature, and easily managed.



THE COIFFURE EVENING HAT created jointly by Josef of Helena Rubinstein and Eve Tarter, designer. One's hair is drawn through slits of the material forming an attractive sculptured frieze.

It Is Dramatic

I must confess the effect of this new coiffure is dramatic after seeing all the frizzed arrangements of the past few years. One youthful American milliner, Eve Tarter, has condoned the new fashion by creating a version of skullcap which hugs the head closely and boasts of piped slits which permits the flat half-curls to be pulled

ed through the hat material and thus becoming part of the hat-design. A veil of contrasting colour (possibly accenting one's lipstick shade) is worn low in back thus dramatizing more the importance of the sleek hair-do. If the hat material colours are your best colours the chances are you will look as beguiling as a Greek Goddess, with all attention riveted on your beautiful open face and nicely poised head!

Watch Drapery Trend

You who dislike the pompadour or long-bob may well experiment with the new plastique effect for Dame Fashion is predicting that we are in for a siege of draped gowns for both daytime and evening—little ornamentation, exquisite lines, rich materials, very feminine in appearance. If this is true our coiffures will follow the lead for who can imagine a beautiful woman artistically draped in lush fabric to reveal pleasing curves with her hair touching her shoulder in an untidy, unbecoming deb-bob or her head dressed in a fluffy, frizzy pompadour making it look twice its actual size? Oh hum—this fashion business keeps us bustling, but isn't it fun?

Sausages Become A Party Dish When Fixed This Way

"Dear sweet patience! what a way to treat good honest sausages!" exclaimed my favourite old lady when I set this dish before her. But after the first tentative nibble, she loved it. "It's that sauce," she said. "It dresses up the whole dish and gives it flavour and zest." It does, too. But, to start at the beginning, here is the way I transform ordinary every day sausages into a fine company dish:



Sausages Served with Celery-Mushroom Sauce

2 cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons shortening
2/3 cup (approximately) milk
8 sausages (partially cooked)

Sift flour with baking powder and salt. Cut in shortening until mixture is as fine as corn meal. Add milk, mixing until a soft dough is formed. Knead lightly on floured board. Roll out about 1/4 inch thick. Cut into oblong pieces and roll each sausage (partially cooked) in the dough. Place in a buttered pan and bake in a hot oven (425 F.) for 15 minutes. Serve with Celery-Mushroom Sauce. Serves 4-6.

Celery-Mushroom Sauce:

1 tablespoon butter
3/4 cup celery, chopped fine
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
Cook the celery in the butter for 10-15 minutes or until soft. Then add the cream of mushroom soup and stir well. Add the milk and grated lemon rind. Heat to blend flavour. Serve over the Sausage Rolls. Makes approximately 1 1/2 cups of sauce.



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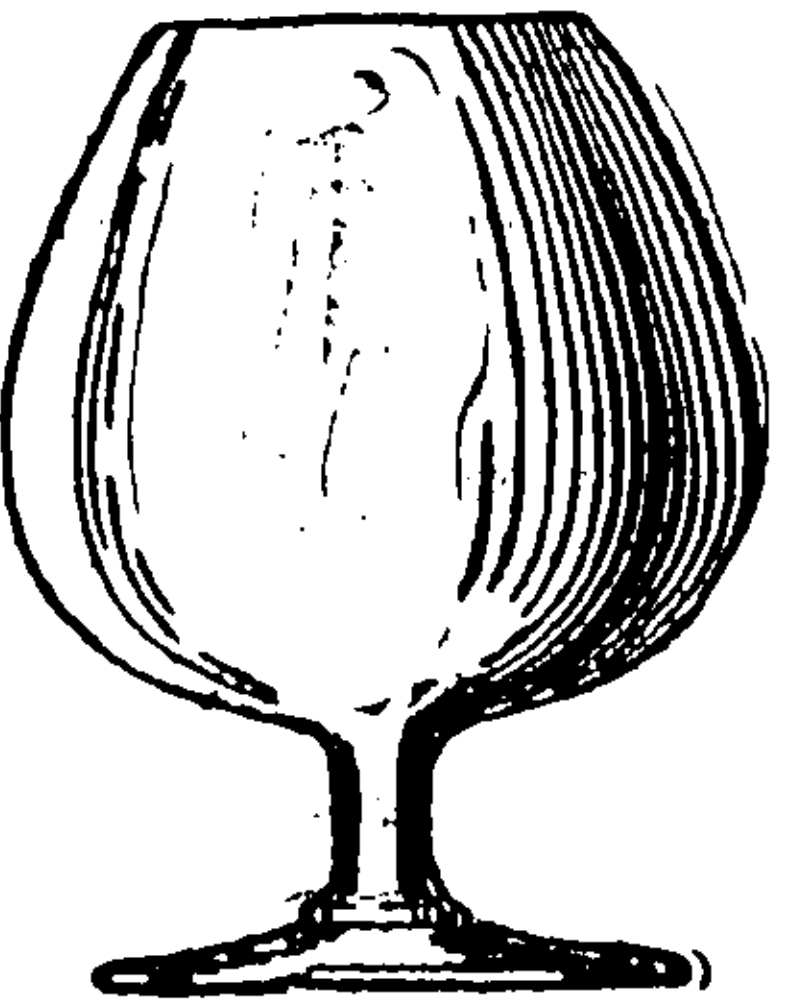
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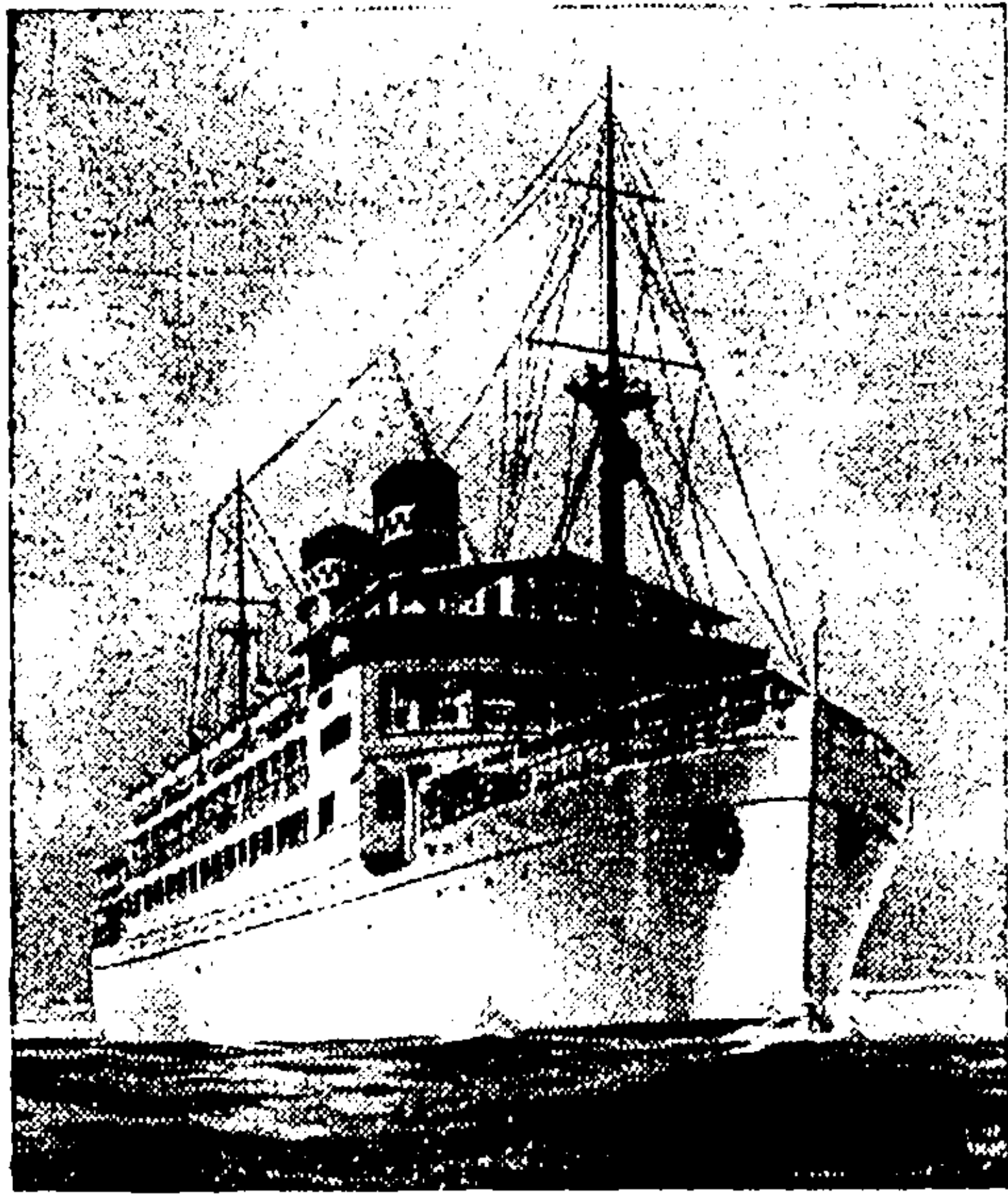
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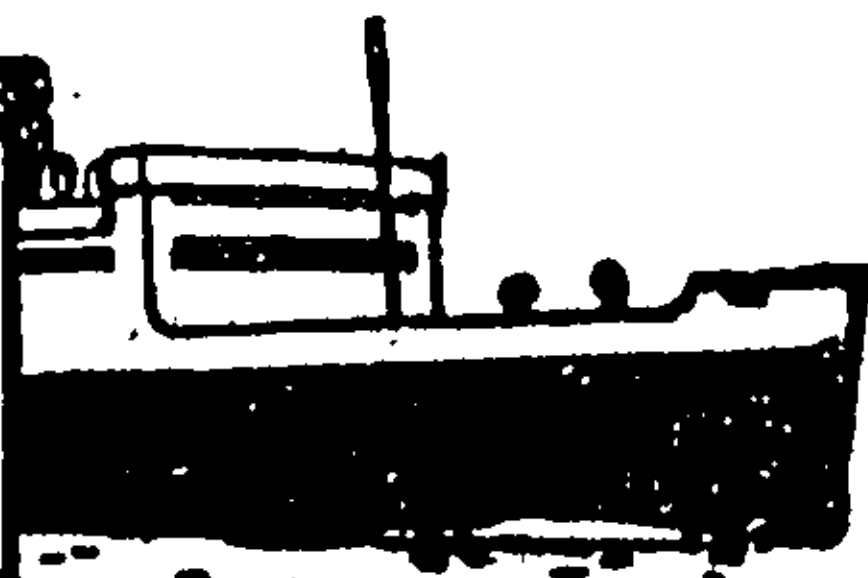
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Chau Man-chi & Tsang Chung-wan Play Well For The Losers

By "Referee"

ADAPTING THEMSELVES better to the ground conditions, Sing Tao again placed themselves in the running for First Division honours when they beat South China by 3 goals to 1 after leading at the interval by the odd goal in three on the Club ground yesterday.

Sing Tao fully deserved their win for they played good football and settled down much faster than South China and though their goal underwent some narrow escapes in the second half their forwards were generally dangerous when on the move.

Each player knew his task and the intermediate-line did particularly well in this game for they rarely allowed South China to indulge in their usual play.

Outstanding players in Sing Tao's team was Cheong Wing-choy in goal and Hau Yung-sang at back. In attack Fung King-cheong led his line in fine style and provided the most danger to South China's goal.

Cheong Wing-choy brought off some good saves, particularly in the first half when he turned a well-placed shot from Chau Man-chi round the post. His safe handling of high balls cleared many a dangerous situation.

Hau Yung-sang outshone Lee Ting-sang at back. He cleared well and covered his partner well.

Chui's Great Effort

Chui Ah-fai watched every move of Lee Wai-tong and did not allow the South China star a chance at goal. He played himself to a standstill and was injured in the closing stages of the game.

Fung King-cheong was seen in the centre-forward position with Kwok Ying-kee as his inside-right and Fung was always in position to receive a pass. He played a clean hard game throughout and in spite of the muddy condition of the ground he was the only player to have a clean jersey at the end of the match.

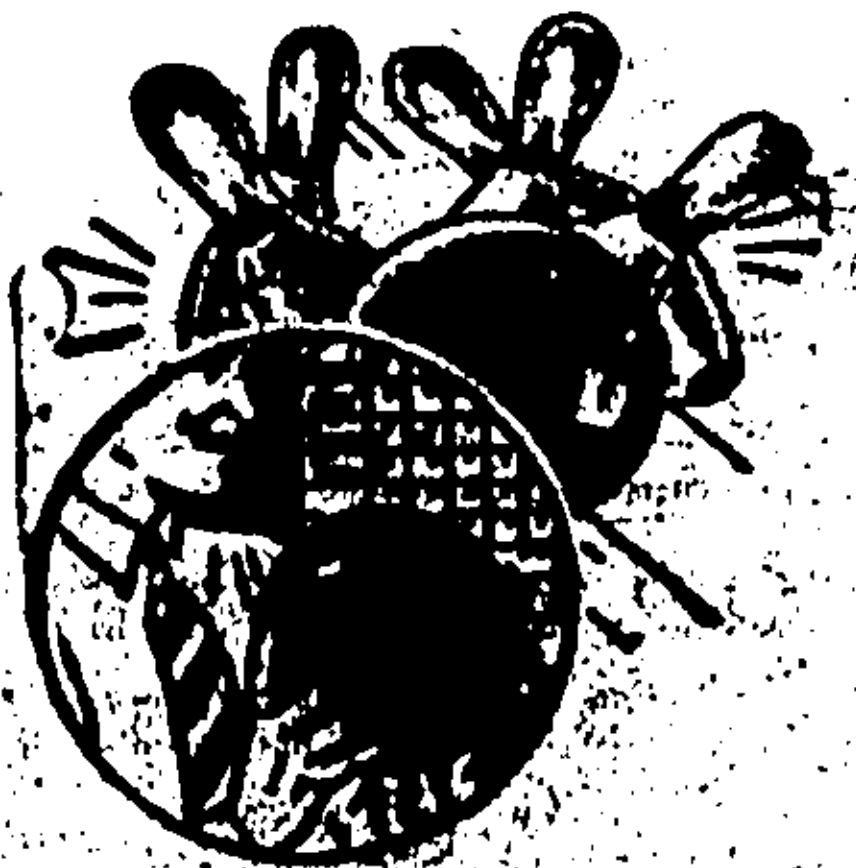
Good Wingers

Both wingers, Ip Pak-wah and Yeung Shui-yick played better than they have done for some time; the opposing wing halves could not keep them in check.

More was expected of South China but they had several weak links in their team which had a very disheartening effect on the team.

Lee Tak-kee was not at home on the right-wing. He was far too slow when in possession and though he delighted the crowd with some spectacular shots he could have done better in centring.

Tse Kam-hung in place of the injured Lee Kwok-wai was very shaky in defence and was the cause of two of the goals against his side. He could not get the



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measure of the opposing forwards and it was fortunate that Tsang Chung-wan was on top form, otherwise the margin of South China's defeat would have been greater.

In the pivotal position Lam Tak-po was not his usual self. His feeding was poor and he rarely got the better of Fung King-cheong in midfield.

With constant attention focussed on Lee Wai-tong, who was playing at inside-left, it was obvious that South China depended a lot on Lee Shek-you for their goals. But this player failed miserably and displayed the same hesitation as Lee Tak-kee. Apart from an effort which went near in the first half, he did not try a shot though he was unmarked on several occasions.

Lee Wai-tong and Chan Tak-fai found the centre too well blocked. Lee was too well marked, while Chap was not given any through passes, while, when he was they were too hard and he was beaten for possession by Cheong Wing-choy.

Best South China Forward

The best man in the South China's attack was Chau Man-chi. He tried hard to make openings, supplied Lee Tak-kee with good passes and was the only forward who really tested Cheong.

Tam, in goal for South China, played a good game and could not be blamed for the goals scored against him. He was called upon often and gave a much better display than he has done for some time.

Sing Tao started attacking from the start and Lai Shui-wing should have given his side the lead early in the game. Fung King-cheong opened the scoring when he beat Tam from close quarters following some good play by Lai Shui-wing.

South China Equalises

South China equalised through Lee Wai-tong from a penalty but before the interval Fung King-cheong again placed his side in the lead.

South China did most of the attacking in the second half but Cheong Wing-choy was in great form. In the closing minutes South China threw everything into the attack but just before time Yeung Shui-yick made the game safe for Sing Tao when he broke away on the wing and netted.

SING TAO: Cheong Wing-choy, Hau Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang, Tsai Ah-lai, Leung Wing-chin, Soong Teng-jung, Yeung Shui-yick, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kee, Ip Pak-wah.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam, Kwok-hung, Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung, Lau King-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Tak-kee, Chui Ah-fai, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Lee Shek-you.

POLICE BADLY BEATEN

By "Sportshawk"

At Boundary Street yesterday afternoon, Police were unexpectedly and heavily defeated by Kwong Wah in their First Division Football League encounter when they lost 7 goals to 2, after the winners scored three goals in the first half. It may be recalled the Police beat Kwong Wah by 3-1 in the first meeting.

On the whole the match was rather scrappy and produced little of interest.

Kwong Wah had the better of the exchanges and, except for occasional Police raids, they dominated the play.

Blackburn, right-back for Police, played a magnificent game in defence but he found the opposing forwards too much for himself alone to cope with and he received insufficient support from his partner, Chan Kwong-yu, while Manning never appeared able to cope with the situation between the sticks.

Pope was the outstanding player in the Police's intermediate-line, giving little rope to Wong King-cheong, Kwong Wah's left-wing.

Moss in Form

The Police attack was best served by Moss, who scored both their goals. Playing on the left-wing Moss gave Kwong Wah's right-half, Yeung Chi-cheung, a worrying time when he was in possession. Ferrier, inside-left, had better scoring chances than any other forward but his finishing touches were not so good. Howlett was not in his best form and appeared uncomfortable in the inside-right position.

Lee Kwok-kee, for Kwong Wah, was the better of the two keepers and was very sound when called upon, though he was not often tested, while Leung Pak-wai had no difficulty in covering Police's right-wing, Wong Man-kwai, whenever the latter was approaching the winners' defence.

Cheung Kim-fai distinguished himself in the pivotal position for Kwong Wah.

Kwong Wah's Forwards Shine

Kwong Wah's forwards had their share of the scoring. They displayed better combination than the Police attackers. Cheuk Shek-kam, right-wing and Chui Chi-fun, the leader, were the most prominent forwards in Kwong Wah's attack.

Chin Chi-tun (3), Cheuk Shek-kam (2), Lau Fook-tsun and Wong King-cheong were the goal scorers for Kwong Wah, while Moss netted both goals for Police. Kwong Wah—Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fat-lam and Leung Pak-wai; Yeung Chi-cheung, Chung Kim-fai and Cheung Wing; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tim Yung-fai, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-tsun and Wong King-cheung.

POLICE: Manning, Blackburn, and Chan Kwong-yu; Pope, Gough and North; Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Lau Pak-hung, Ferrier and Moss.

FOOTBALL SNIPPETS

Lapsley of Kowloon has been chosen for his first representative game. He will play for Civilians against Navy on Sunday, January 28, on the K.C.C. ground.

Ken Farrow, captain of Club seniors, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, hopes to be able to play in the First Round of the Shield competition in February.

Davis, who was recently registered by Club, and who is now limbering up, in the junior team is reported to be a talented interpreter of great promise.

N. Delgado, former player of the International Club, has been chosen for his old club and will be playing on January 28.



Aromin, who is expecting to be matched in Malaya and Shanghai in the near future, hopes to fight Len Collins before he leaves.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—Having read in your valuable paper concerning Young Aromin, I do not agree with "Adrem" that Len Collins is the only suitable man in the Colony to fight Aromin. If you would kindly publish this in your paper I would be very much obliged. I am the son of "Iron" Bux, the former Bantam to Middleweight champion of the Orient. I have fought eight (8) fights in the Colony, lost one, and drew one. I wish to challenge Young Aromin or any Bantamweight in the Colony.

GOLF FINAL POSTPONED

The Country Club's women's championship final, which was to have been played at Sheung Shui New Territories, yesterday, was postponed owing to the wet weather.

HOCKEY RESULTS

Following were the results of games played in Hockey Tournament yesterday:

Police A 0, Police B 0.
Recreo 3, Gunboats 1.
M.T.B. 0, A.N. Other XI 8.

K.C.C.'s Lady Bowlers

A NEW SPORTS SECTION IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FORMED AT KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB. FOR SOME WEEKS PAST NOW, ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, A GROUP OF LADIES HAS BEEN SEEN ON THE BOWLING GREEN, PLAYING AT BOWLS.

Bowls is a game that is particularly suited to the fair sex and is played widely by them in England and Australia. Many years ago ladies also played bowls in Hong Kong, but interest has since died out.

The latest converts are Mrs. Elston, Mrs. Kay Madar, Mrs. May Guest, Mrs. Maria Fincher and Miss Janet Broadbridge, while it is understood that Mrs. Blandford, the tennis player, is also keen to try her hand at the game.

Regular classes are held on Wednesdays and Sundays and it is expected that the movement will grow as the ladies become more expert and tell their friends!

YACHTING RESULTS

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's Fourth Cruiser Championship Series over 24 miles, sailed yesterday, resulted as follows:

DIVISION I			
	Corrected Pon.	Pts.	
Donna	14.11.28	1	10
(Mr. E. Cock).			
Red Rover	15.00.55	2	8
(Capt. R. W. Bateman)			
Morena	15.13.21	3	6
(Mr. P. C. M. Sedgwick)			
La Cigale	15.18.38	4	4
(Mr. M. V. A. Croucher)			
Yehonala	D.N.F.		
Dresund	D.N.F.		
DIVISION II			
Tyrone	15.29.46	1	7
(Mr. E. Huttemier)			
Evolene	D.N.F.		
Wah Kong	D.N.F.		
FOUR TONNERS			
Curlew	14.58.4 1/2	1	9
(Mr. P. Clarke)			
Typhoon	14.56.39 1/4	2	7
(Mr. D. Campbell)			
Tern	14.58.42	3	5
(Mr. J. L. Anderson)			
Sai Long	15.01.01 1/2	4	3
(Mr. J. S. Dunnett)			
Cutty	15.15.50 1/2	5	2
(Mr. H. F. Foy)			

LINESMEN NEEDED

At meetings last week of Hong Kong Football Association and Hong Kong Football Referees' Association it was pointed out that in some junior matches some Clubs had failed to provide linesmen. It was also pointed out at both meetings that the Referees concerned should report such cases to the League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association, through the Hon. Secretary.

The Hong Kong Amateur Football League Rules state that Clubs competing in Second and Third Divisions of the League shall provide efficient linesmen for their matches, except in cases where linesmen are appointed by the Association.

It is in the interests of the game that linesmen are provided, and it is hoped that the Club Secretaries will give this very important point their attention.

Ground on Sunday, January 28:
Lapsley (Kowloon); Blackburn (Police); and Winton (Kowloon); Fene (Police); Gough (Police); and Maxwell (Kowloon); Fowler (Club); Howlett (Police); F. Go (Kowloon); Ferrier (Police); and Harbin (Club). J. Moffat has been appointed manager of the team.

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

SCORING was generally high over the week-end, chief feature being a partnership between T. A. Madar and K. M. Baxter for K.C.C. 2nd XI against University. Coombes, playing for Royal Scots, registered his second century of the season, scoring 103 against H.K.C.C. "A".

BATTING

Coombes	109
T. A. Madar	104
K. M. Baxter	103
L. T. Ride	66
A. J. Hulse	58
C. W. E. Bishop	55
F. J. Remedios	50
E. F. Fincher	47
A. R. Ritchell	45
Douglas	45
A. E. Perry	46
D. J. N. Anderson	41
A. H. Madar	39
P. M. N. da Silva	32

BOWLING

P. M. N. de Silva	6 for 23
Bateman	6 for 41
L. A. C. Hawkins	5 for 13
N. D. Lloyd	5 for 12
A. M. Omar	5 for 33
J. Fenton	5 for 35
A. E. Carey	5 for 49
F. R. Zimmer	4 for 21
W. S. Gegg	4 for 51
A. R. Minu	4 for 32

FOOTBALL

League football was greatly curtailed last Saturday owing to Military duties and only one First Division game was played which resulted in Middlesex beating St. Joseph's by the odd goal in three.

By beating 7th R.A. by two clear goals, Air Force are again at the top of the Third Division. Club were eliminated by 36th R.A. in the preliminary Round of the Junior shield.

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RUGBY

Volunteers beat a weak Navy team at Boundary Street by 9 points to 5. Thomson, of club, scored the best try seen on Police Ground yet.

Police recorded their first win of the season when they beat a well balanced Club-Army team by two tries (6 points to nil) at Boundary Street.

Football To Stop During Air Raids

English F.A. Issues Order

FOOTBALL MUST STOP during air raid "alerts," and the spotter system recently adopted by some clubs must cease, states a message from London. This is an order of the Football Association to the clubs under their jurisdiction.

When approached on the subject the F.A. said: "The Ministry of Home Security has informed us that they do not feel justified in accepting the risk of bombs falling on a crowd of spectators in the open and feel bound, therefore, to request this Association to continue for the present, the practice of suspending matches when a warning is received."

At the start of the season, the Ministry of Home Security decided that in the event of an air raid

warning football matches should be suspended until the "raiders passed" signal. Managements were told to advise spectators to take refuge on the ground under the stands or in any other shelter on the ground, but not to leave the ground to seek shelter elsewhere. Spectators were at liberty to go to their homes. These general arrangements were, however, subject to any modification the police might consider desirable for any particular ground.

Spotters on The Roofs

Many clubs, spectators and players are of the opinion, now that the warning is regarded as an "alert" that games could continue safely until imminent danger threatened.

Some clubs introduced spotters on the roofs of their stands to signal the approach of immediate danger and the matches have continued despite the warning. For this reason the Football Association, after consultation with the Football League, recently suggested proposals to the Ministry for a variation in procedure after warnings. As can be seen from the above, however, the Ministry are sticking to their original order.

It is understood that the main reason for the Ministry's action is the possibility of a wild rush for the shelters when the spotters' warning has been given and casualties being caused before all the people could reach them.—Reuter.

YEARLINGS SOLD FOR £5 EACH

THE SLUMP IN PRICES AT THE SECOND AND CONCLUDING STAGE OF MESSRS. TATTERSALL'S BLOODSTOCK SALES AT NEWMARKET RECENTLY WAS VERY PRO-NOUNCED. THIRTY-EIGHT LOTS WERE SOLD FOR ONLY 1,195GS., MAKING THE TOTAL FOR THE TWO DAYS 7,554GS. FOR 147 LOTS, WRITES A CORRESPONDENT.

An average of a little more than 51gs. for yearlings which in normal times would rouse the keenest competition in the sale ring means a very heavy loss to breeders. Some of the yearlings were almost given away.

For example, opening bids of £5 were sufficient to buy colts by such well-known sires as The Black Abbot, Tommy Atkins, Alishah and Tai-Yang. "I never thought I would live to see the best blood on the turf sold for less than the price of bullocks" remarked a prominent breeder.

The highest price of the day was paid by R. J. Colling, the Newmarket trainer. He gave 200 guineas for the four-year-old, Holy Terror, who dead-heated with Heavy-Weight at Newmarket in May.

The chief buyer of yearlings was Mr. F. Gwillim, a West Country farmer, who trains at Pontilas. He bought 20 lots for a total of 300 guineas. "I bought a lot of horses during the last war and did well," he said. "If there is a reasonable amount of racing next season it should not be difficult to place some of my purchases to win. I might make a big profit."

It is understood that Efigina Dabida, Cardinals' first-string hurler, sustained an arm injury during the week which will prevent her from pitching for her team against the Canadian Chinese today. She will probably be seen at third base as a result.

"Grandpop" Leung, coach of the Chung Hwa softball team, potential junior division pennant winners, has just returned from Kwangsi, where he has been doing relief work, and it is possible that he will be included in the Chung Hwa line-up for future games.

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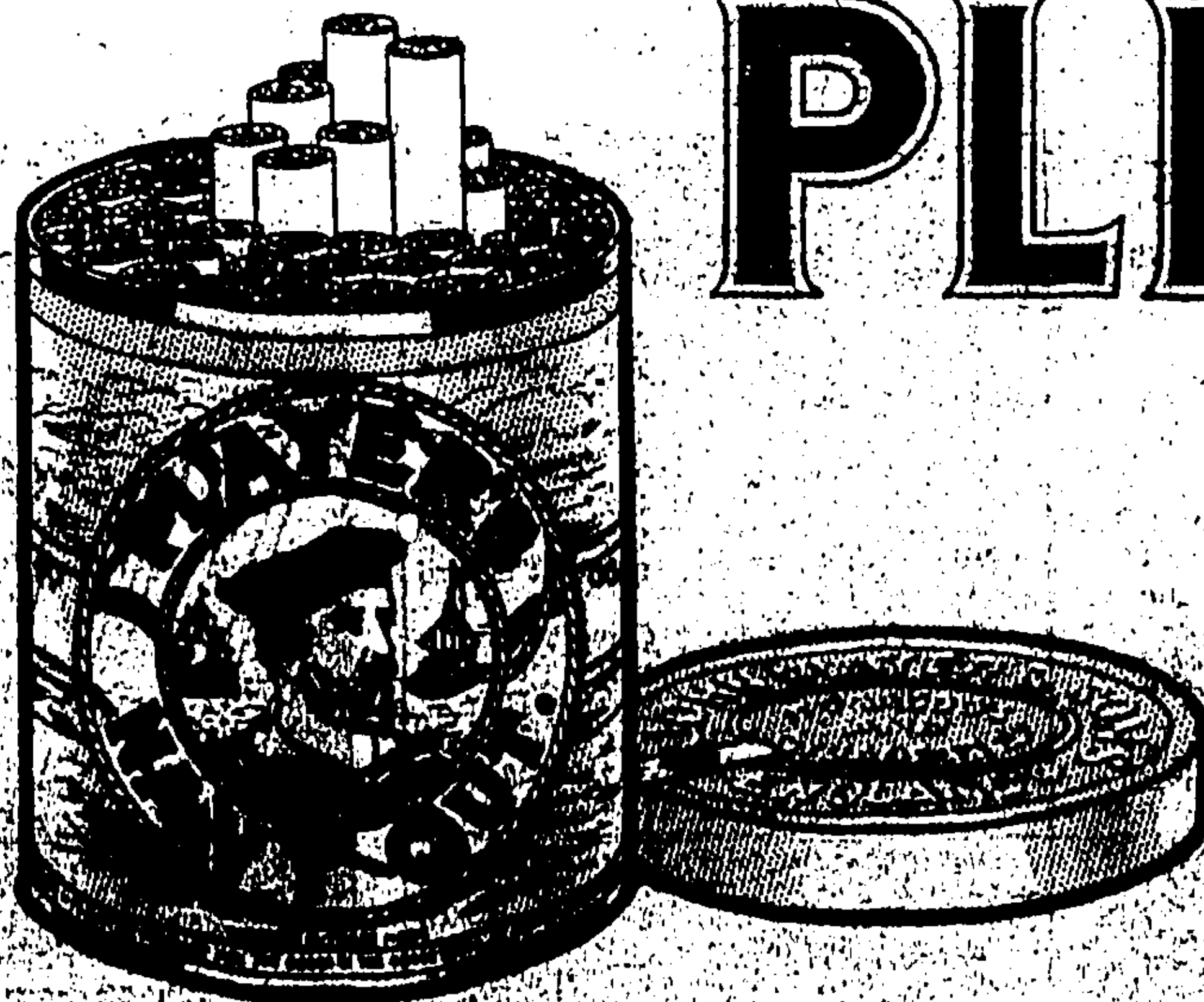
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WEEK'S AIR LOSSES

Seven Germans Shot Down For One British

GERMANY'S NEW TRADE AGREEMENT

German broadcasts are giving great prominence to the new agreements with Soviet Russia, and of the three Germany seems to be most interested in the extending of existing trade treaties.

These, they claim, will bring about a larger exchange of goods, and propaganda to the Home front hints that they are being used as a "counter-blast to the growing realisation inside Germany of what American help will mean to Britain."

The "Voelkische Beobachter" calls it the "greatest economic pact ever concluded between States."

Soviet broadcasts devote more attention to the demarcation of the frontier between Germany and Russian-occupied Lithuania and to the exchange of German nationals in Baltic countries for Baltic nationals in Germany.

There is little comment in London, although many trade experts are sceptical about any expansion of Soviet-Nazi trade, pointing out that agreements in force are already believed to provide for larger exchanges than has been possible to carry out.

Germany primarily wants oil, followed by grain and raw materials, and the supplies she can get from Russia are limited by Russia's own requirements and the serious difficulties in transport. — Reuter.

Luftwaffe Stays Away

SEVEN GERMAN aircraft are confirmed to have been shot down in air battles over Britain during the week ended midnight on January 11, for the loss of only one British fighter.

SINKING OUR NAVY OVER AGAIN

"A cruiser and several other warships received heavy hits in a fresh attack on English naval units in the Mediterranean," stated yesterday's German High Command communique.

It also reports: "An enemy merchantship of 8,000 tons was sunk in Irish waters and another ship of 3,000 tons was sunk off the East Coast of England."

Saturday night's raid on London, the communique adds, was carried out by "strong bomber formations and numerous fires testified to their success."

Regarding British raids over Germany it says: "A few high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in parts of Germany, seriously damaging one house, killing three people and seriously injuring three others." — Reuter.

Detailed figures are:

	GERMAN	BRITISH
January 5	2	1
January 7	1	—
January 9	2	—
January 10	2	—

It may be noted that the Germans admit the loss of six planes on the night of January 10, when Portsmouth was attacked, the remaining four presumably being lost without direct observation by the R.A.F.

No comprehensive figures for the Western Desert are available but the following are the main facts of recent Mediterranean air fighting:—

100 In A Week

Between December 22 and January 5, inclusive, 30 Italian aircraft were confirmed destroyed in the air, and at least eight on the ground.

In the week following, over 100 Italian aircraft were destroyed, as follows:—

On January 6, 40 Italian aircraft were bombed on the ground and rendered unusable at El Adem.

On January 8, 12 were destroyed on the ground at Benina.

Malta's Bag

On January 9, five bombers were destroyed over Malta, two on the ground at Javello, and a number unspecified at Berka.

Since January 5 two Savoias were destroyed on the ground near Tuba, two at Grazala and seven at El Timi, while advancing troops found 36 previously destroyed at Gazala. — Reuter.

RACE TO JOIN R.A.F. CADETS

There is a great race all over Britain to form air squadrons of boys between 16 and 18 years of age under the new R.A.F. pre-entry scheme.

Each squadron of the R.A.F. "prep school" — as the scheme is called — will be 200 strong and quotas have been given already to counties, cities and towns.

For instance, London is to have 86 squadrons, Lancashire 100, Glamorgan 24 and Birmingham 20.

About 700,000 boys from all walks of life are eligible, and the R.A.F. will soon have an immense reserve of youths to draw on for final training as gunners, pilots and air crews. — Reuter.

Hundreds Of Letters

Several hundred letters and personal calls already received at the Air Ministry Information Bureau indicate nation wide interest in the new Air Training Corps scheme.

West Hartlepool and Whitley Bay are the first two towns requesting the formation of local commands, both towns having telegraphed. Local squadrons are to be formed.

The Air Training Corps, as already announced, will provide pre-entry training for the R.A.F. and free air arm groups formed in schools and towns throughout Britain. — British Wireless.

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RAIDER SHOT DOWN BY A.A. FIRE

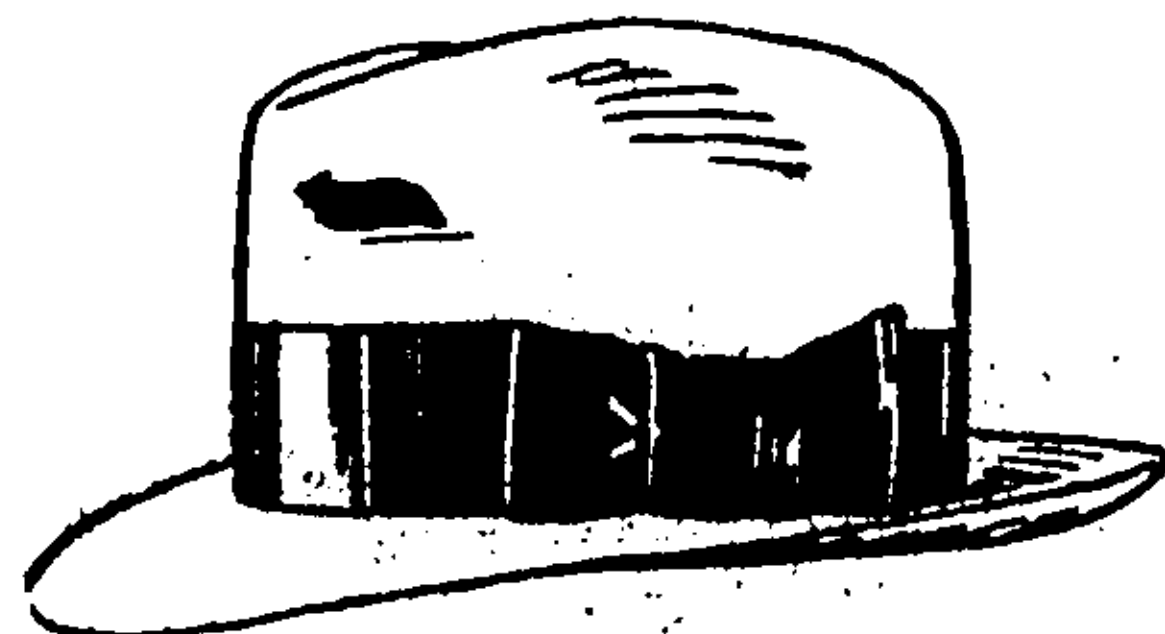
An enemy bomber was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire on Saturday night, states an Air Ministry communique.

There was nothing to report during daylight on Sunday, adds the communique. — Reuter.



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Thailand 'Planes Downed

A communique issued by Admiral Decoux's headquarters in Hanoi claims that on Friday French fighter planes brought down two Thai planes in flames during a bombing attack on Siem-reap.

French planes bombed Prachinbur, on the Aranya-Bangkok railway, and also Oubon, Sizaket, Prachimbouri and Srakeo.

Admiral Decoux categorically denies news published that French planes intended to bomb Bangkok on Friday.—Reuter.

CACHE OF NAZI ARMS IN COSTA RICO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The San Jose (Costa Rico) authorities yesterday announced the discovery of a big cache of light arms stamped with the swastika at a point 45 miles south of San Jose.

Several Nicaraguans have been arrested for questioning. — International News Service.

JOINT OFFENSIVE IN EAST AND WEST PREDICTED

AN EARLY SUDDEN OFFENSIVE BY GERMANY AND JAPAN IN EUROPE AND ASIA IS PREDICTED BY THE SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE OFFICIAL "CENTRAL DAILY NEWS" IN CHUNGKING TO-DAY.

A German offensive in the Balkans, says the correspondent, will meet with resistance from Bulgaria and Greece and possibly will result in a conflict of interests between Germany and Russia.

Meanwhile, as soon as Germany moves in Europe, Japan will move in the Pacific and also in the southern Pacific, partly to carry out her southwards expansion plan and partly to support Germany.

Encouraging Thailand's attack on southern French Indo-China, it is stated that Japan will at an opportune moment seize Saigon and southern Indo-China.

The correspondent attaches much significance to the presence of a large German mission in Japan, as well as to the visit of a Japanese military mission to Berlin, expressing the opinion that Germany and Japan will shortly intensify warfare in the southern Pacific. — Reuter.

British China Squadron

The R.A.F. is to have a fighter squadron named "The British China Squadron," planes for the squadron being purchased by funds contributed to the Shanghai Voluntary War Contribution Fund.

This has come about by a message received by the British Embassy from the Foreign Office asking if there was any likelihood of the fund reaching £100,000 and saying that for that figure it would be possible to purchase a squadron of fighter planes to be identified with donors in China.

Shanghai replied it was hoped to reach a lakh of sterling in the near future, and suggesting the squadron be named "The British China Squadron" and that the type of plane be left to the decision of the Air Ministry.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: North-east winds, fresh, cloudy with occasional rain at first, clearing later.

NAVAL ACTION REPORTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An action appears to be taking place in the Mediterranean between British and Italian naval units, but no official information is yet forthcoming in London.

The Italian High Command has issued an announcement claiming that a British cruiser was sunk and two British destroyers badly damaged "in a running naval battle in the Mediterranean."

The Italian High Command communique adds that a direct hit was scored on a big cruiser.

THE REAL FACTS OF THE NAVAL BATTLE WILL DOUBTLESS BE DISCLOSED WHEN ADMIRAL SIR ANDREW CUNNINGHAM'S FULL REPORT REACHES THE ADMIRALTY.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

trip to England "as a private citizen," Mr. Willkie said he was going with the permission of Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State.

It is believed the motive of the visit is to demonstrate American solidarity to Britain.—International News Service.

GERMANY STILL TALKING INVASION

AXIS PROPAGANDA is concentrating more and more deeply on an "invasion of Britain" angle.

Saturday's reference by Dr. Goebbels to a coming offensive was followed yesterday by a German radio commentator's statement that "what doesn't happen in a year may happen in a month."

Apparently realising that forces are driving Germany to take some desperate action, he continued: — "Britain will be beaten long before American help can become effective."

"You know what I mean if I mention the word—invasion." Italy adopted the same line, and, writing in "Telegrafo," Signor Ansaldo says:—

"Germany has always had the greatest confidence in her ability to land in England."

"The people of the United States will find they are wrong in believing that Germany will give up her invasion plans." — Reuter.

London The Main Target

For the second night in succession London appeared to be the main target of the German air force last night, when bombs were dropped in various parts of the capital.

Night fighters as well as anti-aircraft guns were in action.

Over the Thames Estuary raiders met intense A.A. fire, and some bombs were set down on marshland.

Other raiders were reported from Liverpool, a north-east town, and in the vicinity of a town in the West of England.—Reuter.

JAPAN SETS UP REPRISAL COUNCIL

Moving to counteract what the Japanese term Anglo-American "guerilla tactics" in secret anti-Japanese trade, the Japanese Government is proposing to organise a wartime Trade Council.

The Council would coordinate measures to guarantee the freedom of Japan's trade in the western Pacific and would meet a possible Anglo-American attempt to disrupt Far Eastern trade channels, says the Tokyo "Miyako Shimbun" to-day.

The projected Council would consist of the Ministers of War, Navy, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Commerce and Industry, Agriculture and Forestry and Overseas Affairs.

The Council would coordinate measures to assure Japan's essential raw materials from East Asiatic countries.

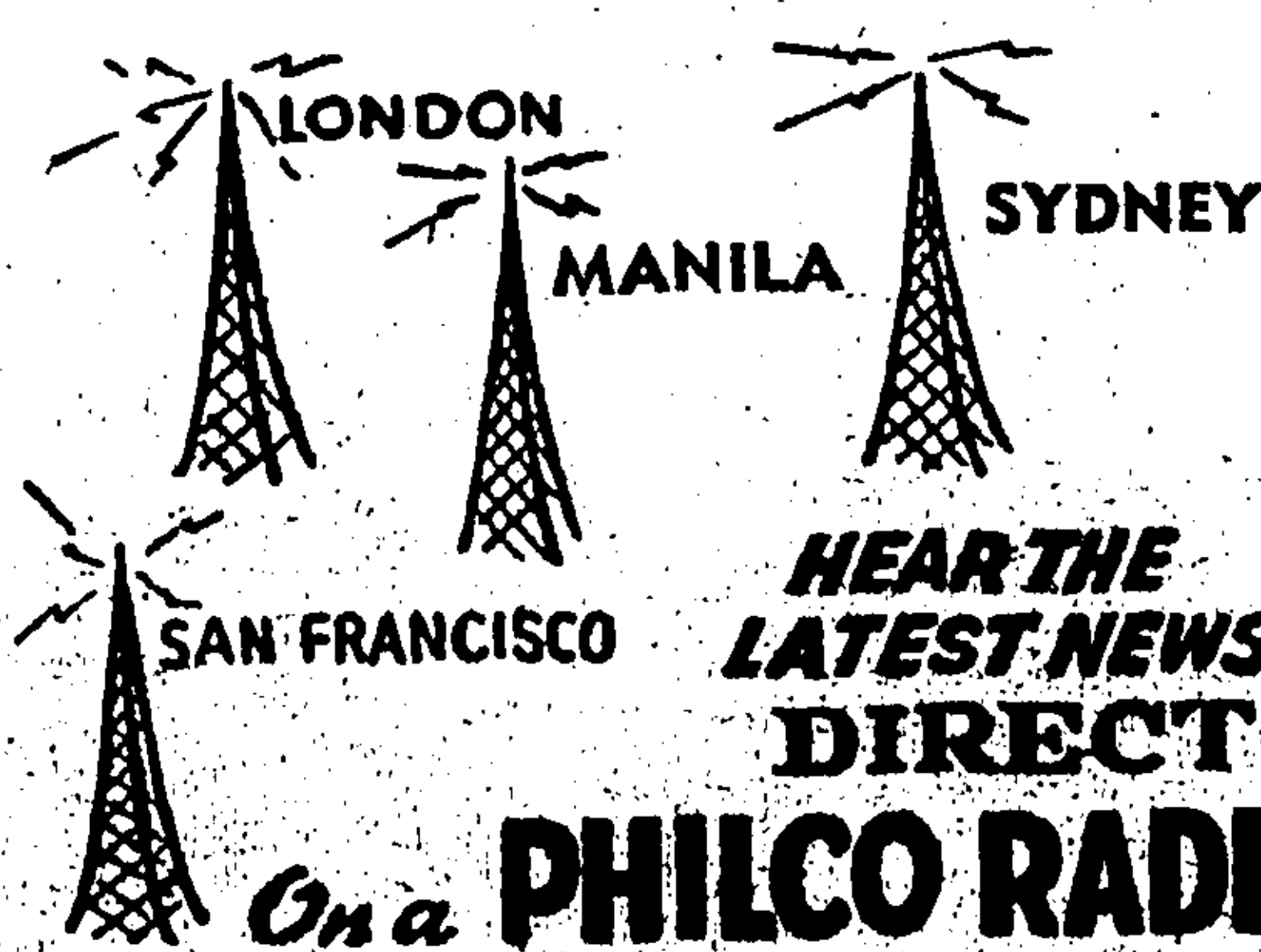
The Council would be a powerful weapon to retaliate against Anglo-American attempts to close world trade channels to Japan, shipbuilding and other vital industries.

WILLKIE SUPPORTS ROOSEVELT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Wendell Willkie, defeated Presidential candidate, yesterday endorsed President Roosevelt's Lend-and-Lease Bill for British Aid, qualifying his approval only with the recommendation that a time limit should be set to the President's powers.

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R.A.F. Bombers Meet New Opposition In Turin Raid

Italians Post A.A. Guns In Alps

A NEW ATTEMPT WAS MADE BY ITALY TO BAR THE NOW FAMILIAR ROUTE USED BY BRITISH BOMBERS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND NORTHERN ITALY ON SATURDAY NIGHT, WHEN FOR THE FIRST TIME BATTERIES OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS RANGED ON THE ITALIAN SLOPES OF THE ALPS OPENED FIRE AGAINST R.A.F. BOMBERS GOING TO ATTACK THE ROYAL ARSENAL AT TURIN.

The raiders reached their objective one after another soon after midnight despite this addition to the hazards of winter flying over the Alps.

EVERY CANADIAN IN FIGHT

"There ain't no civilians in Canada any more more. We are all fighting the Hun—every man, woman and child of us." The speaker was a woman in a factory where thousands of workers are turning out anti-aircraft shells on a site which only three months ago was swampy farm land.

Canada's war-time expansion of production is surging forward with such terrific speed that there is indeed ground for unbounded optimism here among citizens, not one of whom has expressed doubts about the Empire winning a thumping victory.

"Be British. Keep Going. Keep your chin up—you and me," the slogan posted on thousands of motor-cars, exemplifies the spirit of Canadian labouring folk.

These facts, most of which were given by officials of the Dominion Department of Munitions and Supply, give a small idea of what this spirit is contributing to victory.

Artillery Factory

Canada in the past few weeks has sent Britain various kinds of motor vehicles. The Dominion Government in the past three months has bought thousands of such vehicles, nearly all from Canadian factories.

In the same period the factories supplied the Government with 15,000,000 yards of military and naval cloth—enough to stretch from Ottawa to London and back. It is not unusual for the Government to place 600 contracts daily with the nation's factories.

Plans are being rushed for a \$2,000,000 naval artillery factory, which will be the biggest and the most modern in the Empire.

Small arms contracts have been placed to provide millions of rounds of ammunition annually. No wonder the Canadians sing "We'll Always Be an Empire."

An almost clear sky which waited them over Turin enabled them to identify railways and streets and the sweep of the River Po clearly.

Some aircraft carried a number of very heavy bombs, which were released together with a shower of incendiaries right into the Arsenal.

Fiat Works Bombed

Explosions which followed the burst of bombs went on intermittently and could still be seen when the bombers were back over the Alps. The fires were equally impressive.

One pilot, prevented from attacking the Arsenal because the bomb-release had frozen over the Alps, flew on until the mechanism had "come alive" again, and bombed the Fiat Works and another factory.

Four-page pamphlet copies of Mr. Churchill's recent speech were also dropped. — Reuters.

REMARKABLE NAZI ATTACK ON CHRISTIANITY

THE NAZIS CHOSE yesterday for another attack on Christianity and for talking about what they call "the creed of our time." Breslau Radio, broadcasting to Germans in Silesia, said:

"We believe in the Nation and the Fuehrer. We believe in you. We believe in the nobility of our people, in the righteousness of our arms, in our flag, in the God who stands by the brave, in German greatness in eternity."

The Breslau Radio continued: "But what about the old creeds, what about the Scriptures?"

"The Scriptures are dead. The creed of our time draws from the sources of the past ages, but we need no fairy tales, no legends in this age of modern inventions and arms."

At about the same time, Munich Radio was talking about piety in a sort of pagan Sunday service mostly concerned with the mystical conception of the Reich.

"The Reich cannot be defined by mere words. One must believe in the Reich," said Munich Radio.

"Belief in immortality is actually nothing but the conviction that our deeds and actions will live for ever in the nation." — Reuters.

EXPLOITS IN DESERT AIR WAR

Benina and Berka aerodromes were heavily raided during the night of January 10/11, states an R.A.F. Middle East communique.

Bombs straddled buildings causing large fires and a number of explosions near dispersed aircraft.

Our aircraft also raided Ben Ghazi and one heavy bomb hit a large building of military importance. Fires were started on a jetty and shipping is believed to have been badly damaged.

Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm also carried out a raid on Palermo where shipping in the harbour was the main objective.

One bomb fell very close to a merchant vessel of about 8000 tons. Of 12 ships along the outer mole one received a direct hit and four others are believed damaged. Fires and explosions were caused among warehouses.

Our fighters in Eastern Libya maintained constant patrols and reported Derna, Matuba, El Tmimi and El Gazala all clear of enemy aircraft except for a considerable number that were unserviceable.

Twenty burntout aircraft were reported as abandoned on Gazala landing ground.

Fighter Successes

One of our fighter squadrons accounted for two CR 42's shot down and one CR 42 destroyed on the ground on January 9, and two S 79's destroyed while attempting to land at Derna and three G 50's shot down in combat on January 10. Bomba seaplane base appears

THREAT TO BOMB BANGKOK

Thai forces are continuing to advance into Cambodia and have seized further French positions, according to a Thai High Command communique in Bangkok yesterday.

The Thai air force is lending effective cooperation and severe fighting is developing, the communique continues.

Unofficial reports state that the Thai army has already occupied large stretches of Cambodian territory.

Thai bombers have raided many important towns in Indo-China.

Hitherto no French aircraft have visited Bangkok, but every precaution has been taken and A.R.P. measures are in force. — Reuters.

to have been abandoned by the enemy.

In Italian East Africa a raid was made on Maidaga, where Caproni workshops and petrol dumps were bombed.

Defence positions of Berbera (Somaliland) were also raided and one S 1 on Jigajiga landing ground was bombed and machine-gunned.

Numerous reconnaissance flights were carried out and from all these operations our aircraft returned without loss. — British Wireless.

RACE TO JOIN R.A.F. CADETS

Hundreds Of Letters

Several hundred letters and personal calls already received at the Air Ministry Information Bureau indicate nation wide interest in the new Air Training Corps scheme.

West Hartlepool and Whitley Bay are the first two towns requesting the formation of local commands, both towns having telegraphed. Local squadrons are to be formed.

The Air Training Corps, as already announced, will provide pre-entry training for the R.A.F. and free air arm groups formed in schools and towns throughout Britain. — British Wireless.

There is a great race all over Britain to form air squadrons of boys between 16 and 18 years of age under the new R.A.F. pre-entry scheme.

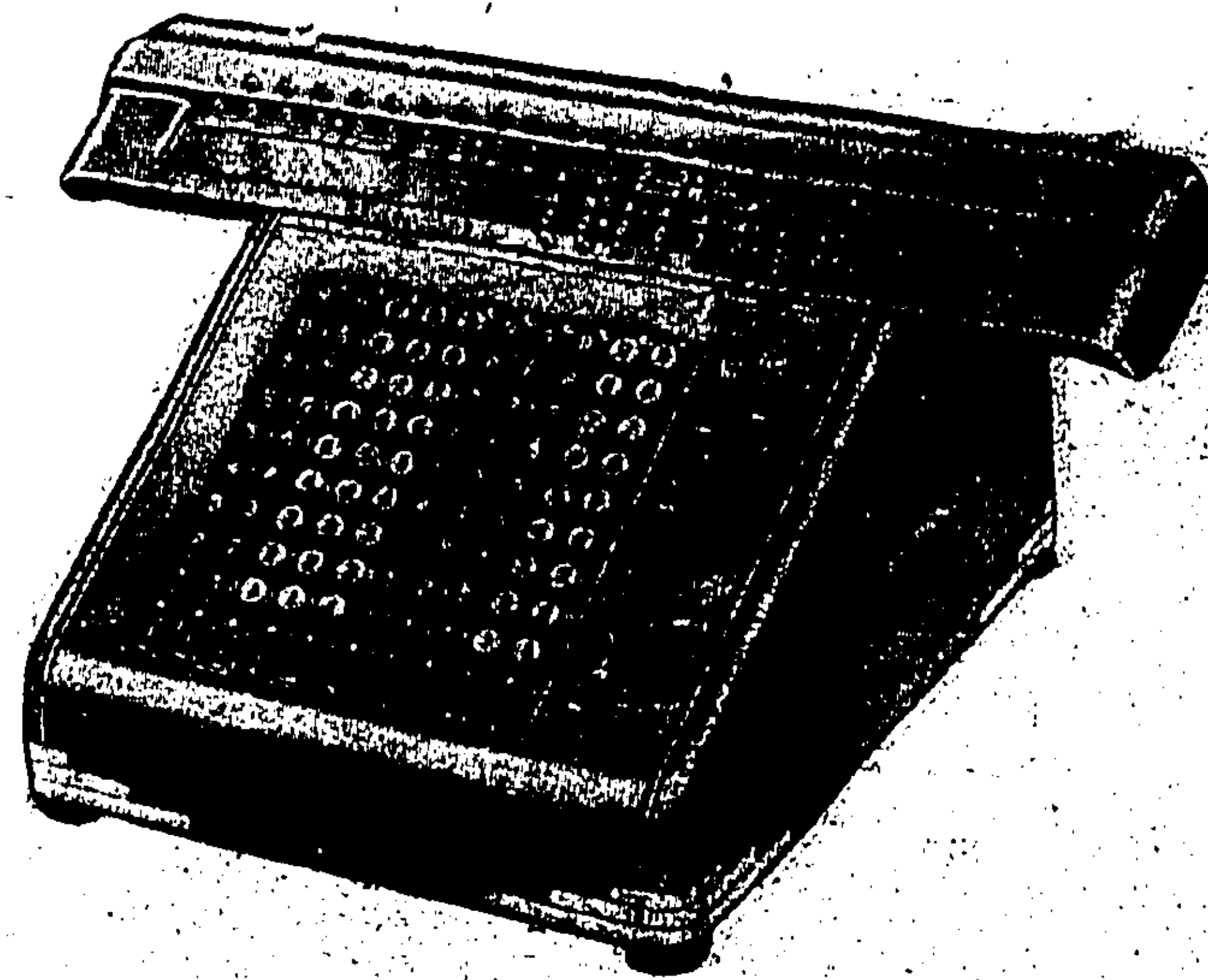
Each squadron of the R.A.F. "prep school" — as the scheme is called — will be 200 strong and quotas have been given already to countries, cities and towns.

For instance, London is to have 86 squadrons, Lancashire 100, Glamorgan 24 and Birmingham 20.

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STILL CLEANING UP DEBRIS OF LONDON FIRE RAID

MEN AND WOMEN by the hundred visited London yesterday to see the work done by the Pioneer Corps, Royal Engineers and demolition squads who have been clearing up the debris which resulted from the "fire" raid a fortnight ago.

Among the workers are Belgians, French, Norwegians and other refugees in Britain.

This fulfils the promise given by Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, who said some time ago that he would enrol an international labour force from the friendly aliens (estimated at about 250,000) now in the country.

He also promised that they would have the same wages and working conditions as British workers.

They are encouraged to enrol in national groups at jobs to which they are accustomed.

Thus, Norwegians go in for forestry, Czechs, the French and the Poles for engineering and aircraft work and Belgians and Netherlandsers at diamond cutting and polishing. — Reuter.

DEVOTED SON ACCUSED OF MURDER

"This is a very tragic case . . . This man is charged with strangling his old mother to whom he was a most devoted son."

Prosecuting counsel said this at Old Street, London, Police Court when James Miller, forty-five, an A.R.P. worker, of Durant Street, Bethnal Green, appeared on remand charged with the murder of his mother, Ann Elizabeth Miller.

At a previous hearing Detective-Inspector O'Sullivan stated that Miller, when told he would be charged with murder, replied: "I did it to save her being dragged round to the shelters. She was suffering."

Miller had been employed on a rescue squad. Apparently that work had preyed on his mind, and lately he had been subdued and quiet. Mr. H. A. K. Morgan, prosecuting, told Mr. Langton, the magistrate.

He had been taking his mother, who was seventy-five,



A study in expressions as two Nazi airmen sit in a railway carriage prior to their departure to a prison camp. A picture at a London station. (Copyright, Fox).

to the Tube or some other shelter, and had been worried about her.

On the night of October 17-18 she was taken to a shelter by her two sons, Arthur and George, with whom she lived, and after they got back at 8 a.m. she was left in the house alone.

James Miller apparently went into the house, which was next door to his own, and strangled her.

Arthur Miller said his brother James was very fond of his mother.

Before joining the A.R.P. his brother was quite a happy man. Soon after he had joined he became morose. Miller was committed for trial at the Old Bailey.

PLIGHT OF TOBRUK

In some ways, the plight of Tobruk is worse than that of Bardia, London circles pointed out last night.

The water supply is poor and drinking water has to be brought by sea from Derna, 115 miles further westwards — and it can be taken as certain that the Royal Navy will see that any attempt to get through by sea will fail. On land, we control the road running westwards.

The Germans seem to have little confidence in the Tobruk garrison, and are even hinting that the whole eastern province of Cyrenaica may have to be given up.

"The Hamburg Fredeblatt," for instance, writes: —

"We must be resigned to the fact that the entire area of Cyrenaica is now in danger."

The news that the Italian losses in Bardia were around 45,000 makes the British casualty list of less than 600 even more remarkable, London, semi-official circles point out.

Attacks by armoured vehicles often lead to success at small cost, but this proportion of 45,000 to 300 is a great tribute to General Wavell's strategy. — Reuter.

KLISSOURA TRIUMPH

THE BRITISH MILITARY MISSION IN GREECE HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO GENERAL PAPAGOS, GREEK C.I.C. ON THE FALL OF KLISSOURA.

The message reads: —

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General Papagos, in reply, paid a warm tribute to the British successes in Libya. — Reuter.

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GHOST TOWN IS READY FOR THE INVADERS

By A Special Correspondent

THIS PART of the English coast is a country of flat roads, inland waterways, barricaded streets, barbed-wire and pill-boxed beaches, ready for the invaders. Many of the inhabitants have left but those who remain are eager to see the invaders and will be disappointed if Hitler abandons his plans.

To walk about after dark is to be the only human out, with the ring of your shoes as a mocking echo from the thousands of ghosts who inhabit the houses of people who have gone away.

Number one topic of conversation is the invasion, and people have decided that Hitler's armies will come first to the East Anglian coast.

Girls Disappointed

For the older residents, the invasion threat is no novelty. During the early part of the last war, leaflets about what to do in the case of attempted enemy landings were distributed in some places on this part of the coast. They were put aside and forgotten.

At the week-end — all keyed-up by Mr. Churchill's invasion

warning—the shop girls were disappointed a bit when after waiting and watching on the sea front until midnight, they didn't see anything of it.

They had to go home to bed, but many people sat up at open windows on the sea front for hours, just waiting.

There is no alarm, though the air-raid buzzer, as they call the sirens, sounds oftener than in a good many coastal towns.

The picture palaces are full, the pubs, too, and the two dances a week always attract more girls than there are soldiers and sailors to partner them.

700-MILE TREK THEN INTERNED

Penniless and famished, a Blackburn soldier walked 700 miles in four weeks after escaping from the Germans. Though now interned in unoccupied France, he hopes soon to rejoin his family.

He is Private George Roberts, of Trinity Street, who was reported missing after Dunkirk and later a prisoner in Germany.

He has now written home stating that he has escaped and has been interned by the French.

His letter was posted by an American in Gibraltar.

Private Roberts says that in four weeks he and a pal walked 700 miles. They had no money, were half-starved and were lucky to be alive.

"The American Consul is in charge of us out here," he writes, "and they say he is trying to get us home."

Private Roberts is thirty-two and has wife and two children. His regret was that he could not send them each a birthday card.

B.W.O.F. DONATIONS

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hong Kong Branch:—Previously Acknowledged £100; \$625,348.66; Miss Grace Ezra \$15; J. S. Dunnett (Monthly) \$20; The American Club (Result from a raffle held on New Year's Eve) \$200; Sale of C.H.S.S. Badge per Mrs. Iranee \$1; Sale of C.H.S.S. Badge per Mrs. E. C. Ritchie \$1; Sale of C.H.S.S. Badge per Mrs. Colledge \$1; Francois d'Hardivilliers \$500; G. Frois \$10; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wyllie \$25; Capt. I. J. Lossius (December) \$20; D. G. Day (Monthly) \$15; A. H. Guinness (Monthly) \$20; Wu Lai Tak \$152.80; A. M. Kennedy (Monthly) \$30; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dodwell (3rd Donation) \$500; and China New Guinea Mercantile Co. \$50. Total \$626,909.46.

GRANT FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES

The Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China has approved of the grant of H.K. \$10,000 for the purchase of medical supplies for the period January to June, 1941, for the Canton International Red Cross Service Corps under the direction of Dr. Wong Man, and a cheque for this amount has been sent to the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China for this purpose.

Goods, valued at \$130, were stolen from No. 100, Connaught Road West, between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturday.

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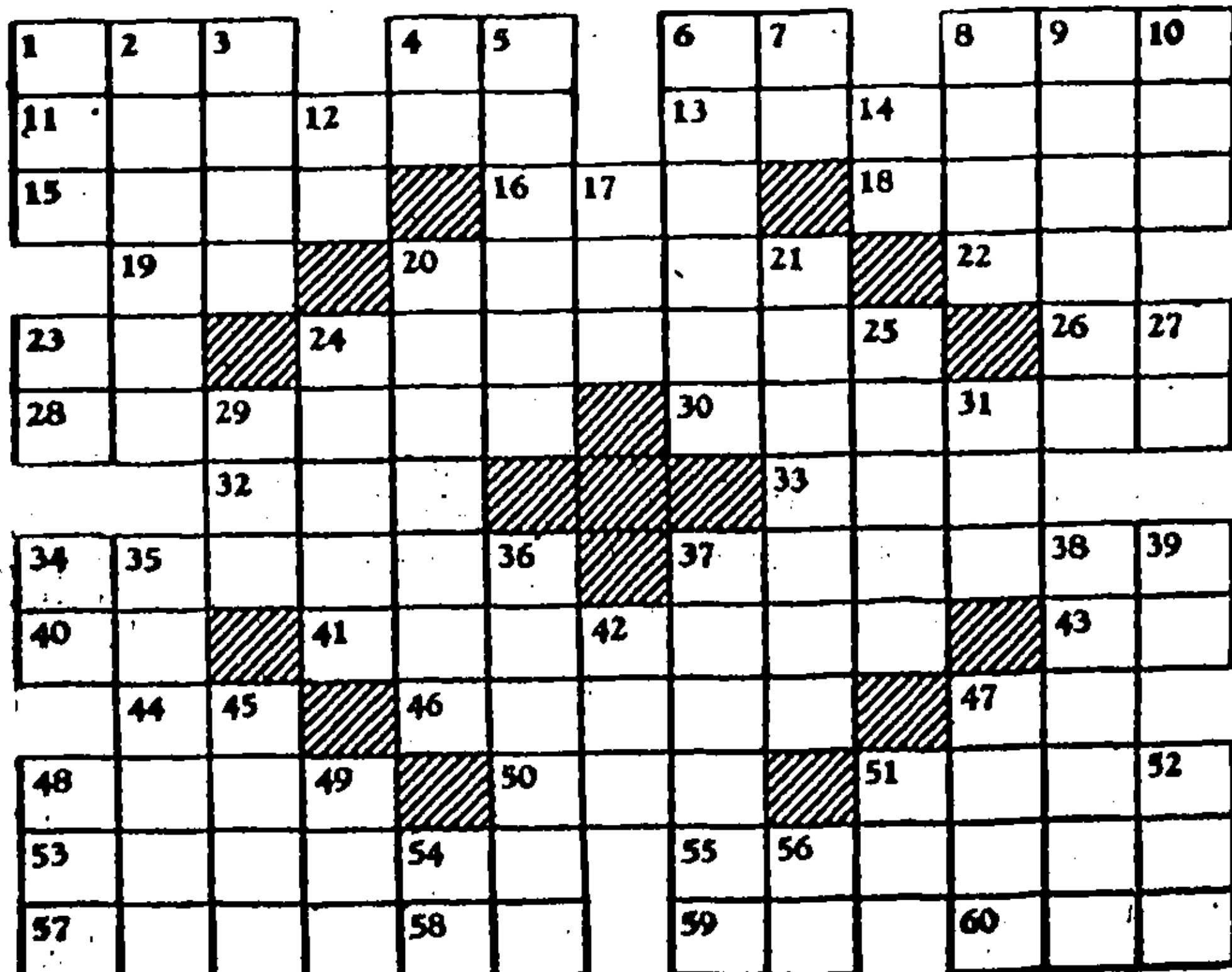
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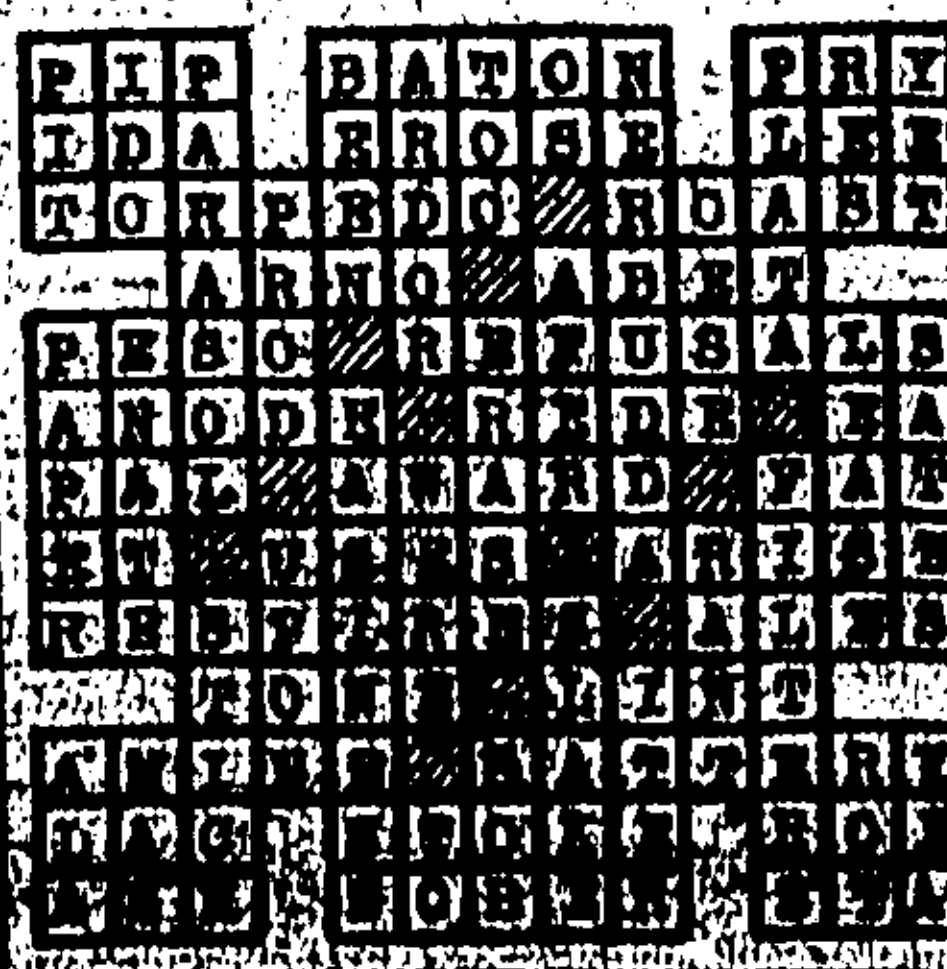


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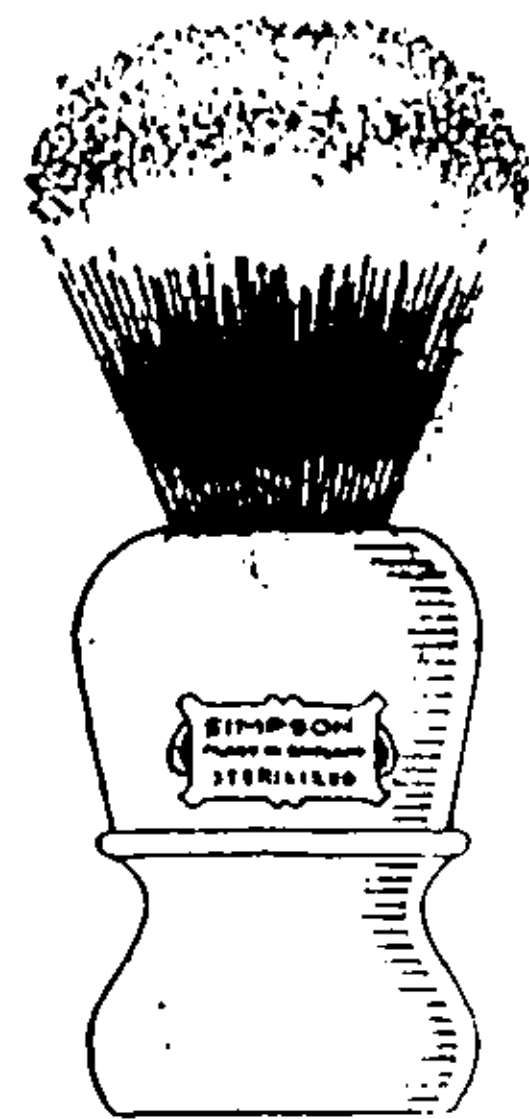
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GREATEST BLOCKADE IN HISTORY OF THE WORLD

BRITAIN IS CONDUCTING with a fair degree of success the greatest blockade in the history of the world. This was the substance of a broadcast last night by Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

Mr. Foot cited the gradually increasing pressure of the blockade as one reason why he expected a "fresh attempt to break out" by Hitler "in the fairly near future." Second reason was the steady increase in the volume of American assistance to Britain.

Outlining two measures—compulsory navicerts and the ships warrants scheme—which Government had adopted to meet the situation arising from Germany's occupation of Western Europe, Mr. Foot stated that already four-fifths of ship's tonnage outside enemy countries was under British control or within the ships warrant scheme in which the many facilities under the British Control would be available only to ships which could show a ship's warrant issued by Britain.

Mr. Foot continued: "We have a new and formidable weapon—airial bombardment of industrial targets."

Our Purpose

In the last war our blockade stopped short at the frontiers of Germany. That is why I, for one, hope that we shall never waste time in indiscriminate bombardment.

No doubt we might be justified in doing it by way of reprisal. But our purpose is to hit the enemy where it hurts him most.

When bombs fall on synthetic oil plants such as Leuna or on a great railway centre like Hamm we are striking directly at Germany's capacity to carry on the war.

It is a mistake to suppose that our well aimed blows at industrial objectives do not have a profoundly depressing effect upon the morale of the enemy.—British Wireless.

"MIKE" IS HIS OFFICE BOY

When callers on a Stockport firm press a bell-button in the outer office, a pleasant voice, apparently from nowhere, gives a cheery greeting and then asks, with deliberation, "Kindly state your business."

Waste paper is the firm's trade, but the management these days are determined not to waste time. So they are using an electrical office boy to send unwanted callers quickly on their way.

Up several flights of stairs, Mr. James Cookson, of Cookson and Lees, Ltd., Great Egerton Street, Stockport, supervises his staff of sorters and packers.

When the bell rings he speaks into a microphone. On the business of his visitor depends whether he goes down the stairs or stays put.

Mr. Cookson told a reporter that before the installation of the loud speaker he must have wasted hours every week interviewing people who thought they could talk themselves into an order or a job.

80, DEFIES GERMANS

In a Bucharest flat which she entirely decorated herself, a white-haired Englishwoman, aged eighty, is carrying on undaunted by the departure of the British colony and the arrival of German troops.

She refused all Legation appeals to leave, and will stay till the war is over.

"I've been here forty-six years," she said, "and this is my second German occupation. I'm sure they won't touch me."

"Last time they tried to get me out in an old goods wagon crowded with wounded. This time I jolly well stay where I am."

The final batch of 120 British evacuees which left for Constanta included an English girl and an English butler from the King's Palace, Sinaia, who stayed through the last German occupation. This time they were ordered to go.

LOITERING CHARGE

Before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning, Chow Tim-shing and Chow Yee, both aged 26, were charged with loitering in Prince Edward Road.

A Chinese detective who arrested accused, said that at 1.45 a.m. yesterday he saw accused standing near the gate of No. 373, Prince Edward Road.

First accused who had four previous convictions, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and, recommended, for banishment, while second accused was bound over and ordered to be expelled.

BAND CONCERT

The K.C.C. are holding a band concert by the band of the 2nd Batt. Royal Scots on Saturday, February 8, in aid of the Bomber Fund.

VICHY DELAYS A BANISHMENT

JEAN ZAY, France's former Minister of Education, though sentenced to life deportation, is not to go until the war ends for fear that he might be rescued on the way to French Guiana.

He cannot be sent to the New Caledonia penal settlement, because the colony adheres to General de Gaulle.

It is also felt that his sentence—and others—may be revised after the war. He will remain in a military prison.

From Paris it is reported that the population continues to increase as the inhabitants drift back. Police Prefect Langeron estimates it at 2,000,000, on with the Seine Department suburbs, 3,600,000.

Expulsion of Jews from all municipal and public posts goes on. They now have to register in both occupied and unoccupied zones.

British Evacuees

Two hundred British evacuees on the Riviera have been ordered to leave the zone until the end of the month.

POCKET HERO OF RAID

Buster Kane, sixteen years old, just over 5ft. tall, is the Pocket Hero of Dalston, E. He runs to the bombs instead of away from them.

Three times when night raiders have dropped bombs near his home, Buster has been first on the scene, risking his life to get victims out of the debris.

He so impressed a police officer with whom he worked that he is being recommended for the George Medal.

Working feverishly with bombs dropping and guns blazing, Buster ignored a big wall which threatened to crash at any moment, and helped the policeman to carry out victims from a shelter which had been hit.

Three minutes after they had carried the last victim to safety the wall crashed.

"Phew!" said Buster with a grin. "It was a near one."

Touch And Go

He was standing beside the stall in Ridley Road Market where he helps his mother during the day.

"That was a night, that was! We got about forty-three people out of a shelter, and it was touch and go. First of all we had to fight a fire, and I helped the firemen. Then I ran round to the back of the building and through the flames to reach the shelter."

"Another time I got three people out of a pub which was bombed."

"But don't make a fuss about this," he added modestly.

His mother, who was standing beside him, nudged him. "You'll cop it one of these nights, my boy," she said. But there was pride in her voice.

To me she said: "You'd never think that when he was born he was one of twine and weighed only two and a quarter pounds. He looks all right now, though."

"He's always been a devil. Never had any fear, he hasn't. Can't help being proud of him, y'know."

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THE NAVAL BLOCKADE

Britain's most potent weapon against her foes is the constant pressure of the blockade. It was that slow, inevitable stranglehold that in the last war sapped Germany's stubborn powers of endurance so greatly that the country refused to face a fifth winter of privation, and collapsed in defeat. It is the same naval instrument that month by month constricts more and more uncomfortably the breathing room of Hitler's Germany. Certainly Germany will not lack for food and many other materials in this second winter of its totalitarian war. If there is any food famine in overrun Europe before next harvest, Germany will be directly responsible for it. As R. W. B. Clarke says in "Britain's Blockade," one of the latest of the authoritative Oxford Pamphlets, "As a long-term proposition the blockade of Nazi-dominated Europe cannot create starvation, much less famine, unless there is a catastrophic failure of harvest. Enough bread-grains can certainly be produced, supplemented by potatoes, to provide enough calories for every European."

The Nazis, in fact, are the only people who have it in their power to create starvation in Europe. Britain has firmly turned down American proposals to send free food to Europe, not for any lack of humanitarian feeling towards the victims of Nazidom, but because of the treatment that Hoover's Relief Commission suffered at the hands of the Germans in the last war. To relieve hardship would give the less scrupulous Nazis a golden opportunity to evade their responsibilities, to make propaganda against Britain, and to get some free food, not only for the armies of occupation, but also for delivery to Germany, some of it to be turned into munitions.

During the last war, in Lloyd George's picturesque phrase, "the Allies floated to victory on a sea of oil." The oil consumption of Germany and Italy before this war was nearly 11 million tons a year. The present position must give the Axis Powers many premonitory alarms, even though they have gained the supplies of most of the occupied countries. The consumption of oil and petrol in the Blitzkrieg has been enormous, and the bombing of the Hydrogenation

NATIONS, like individuals, feel stronger for the approbation of others in time of trial. It confirms their belief in their cause and in themselves. The moral support that comes from a sense of unity, if not of personal comradeship, is ill exchanged for the chilly, though splendid, isolation of the Athanasian attitude of one against all the rest.

That is why we read with such intense satisfaction favourable outside comment on any important development of British policy, and glow with special pleasure when, rising from the particular to the general, some authoritative voice pronounces a eulogy on English or British character. National policy must veer to some degree with the changing conditions of wind or sea; the essentials of character are more or less fixed with a certain assured quality of permanence.

The world has been full of our praise during the searching trials to which the fibre of the British people has been subjected. It has been no mere presentation of ceremonial bouquets. One can easily distinguish the frigid tribute of respect from the warm hand-clasp of friendship. We shall go forward with renewed confidence now that the faith of the outside world in England has manifestly been born again.

Hugo's Fine Phrase

It has helped to lift some of their worst apprehensions for themselves. The island bulwark of Freedom still stands. "Kepe thamyralte" was the advice of a sagacious counsellor 500 years ago, whose name unfortunately has been lost. The words have an odd look in their antique spelling, yet the sense is but thinly plated over. Keep the Admiralty is Tudor English for Rule the Waves. And this good counsellor added the reason why:

That we be maysters of the narrow sea.

A month of grim fighting has convinced the world that Britain still keeps the Admiralty of the narrow seas and has added thereto

the Admiralty of the Air above it. Our friends have been most generous in their acknowledgment.

A recent "Message For To-Day" consisted of a passage from Victor Hugo which probably communicated to many readers a thrill of pure pleasure. It was so generous and so apposite. It was so cheering and so true.

"England may be justly proud of her colossal strength and god-like repose. Stretched upon a rock rests the genius of England. She waits her hour but counts not the hours between."

In what year that passage was written I do not know, nor have I had the courage to search the many volumes of the Great Romantic in hope of finding it. If it was penned during his 18 years of exile in Jersey and Guernsey, while he watched the full meridian splendour of the Third Em-

By J. B. FIRTH

pire and its sudden plunge into the dark, it may be observed that not all exiles are half so grateful to the land which gives them safe shelter from their enemies. Indeed, for every political exile, from the days of the French Terror to the Red, who expressed an appreciative understanding of England, a score remained conscious chiefly of their acute discomforts in strange and congenial surroundings, of like the adder in the story, bit the hand which warmed them at its fires.

We may be the more grateful, therefore, to the supreme egotist, who scorned the ordinary vocabulary of abuse of "perfid Albion" and the like and lavished upon England so superb a panegyric. Mark, too, how it continues:

"Her virtue and her patience have triumphed. The lamp of her faith, kindled upon apostolic altars, burns as a beacon to mankind. Her example has regenerated the erring; her mildness has rebuked the rebellious; and her greatness has enchanted the good."

Whence did Hugo derive his simile of the genius of England stretched upon a rock, waiting for the hour and regardless of the

slow passage of the painful hours between? I suppose he was thinking of the old legend of Prometheus chained to his rock, with the vulture for ever plucking at his vitals, in punishment for his having stolen fire from Heaven and bestowing it as the first of all blessings upon Man. And this fire, which "kindled upon apostolic altars," illumines the lamp of England's Faith, what is it but the light of Liberty and Freedom, which the evil forces in the world are for ever striving to put out?

Unqualified eulogy is tolerable only in epitaphs and epitaphs are for the dead. England lives and to live in a world of men is to blunder often and fall far short of the stature of perfection. But the will to approximate to perfection is there, and the national rule of life has never been quite obliterated even when achievement has sunk to its lowest level.

England has been pulled up with a sudden jerk many times after living too easily, too carelessly and too slothfully upon the honey in her hive. Liberty and Freedom have produced Democracy, and Democracy is the most difficult form of government yet invented and not the easiest, as so many of its most vehement advocates but worst friends would have us believe. For it encourages Make-Believe—the bubbles which please the eye as they float away into the inane or collapse at the first contact with hard reality. The Make-Believe that there would—and could—be no more war landed us where we are, but mercifully on our feet, wide-awake and in the mood for strenuous action.

'New Order' Spectre

"I think we must get rid of slavery" wrote a far-seeing American in 1856 "or we must get rid of Freedom." His compatriots had to fight a bitter Civil War a few years later to decide which they would retain and which reject. We in our turn are fighting the most desperate of all our wars to decide whether we are to get rid of Freedom or of Hitlerism, which, with Fascism and sundry

other variants is Freedom's implacable foe.

The "New Order" which Europe is offered by the Axis Powers is no more than a shrouded Shape, undefined in outline, but black and menacing, suggesting hidden terrors and oppressions, new subjections of body and mind, new infamies in tyranny and its instruments and new and more abject subserviences in the slave.

England stands for the Freedom that she has made her own through the centuries. Her free and unbanded eyes pierce the Shape and can trace the foul abominations which lurk within. The fate of the Czechs and the Poles—marked down for utter extermination as a State by the apostles of blood and iron from Bismarck onwards—is sufficient warning what would be our own.

"If a tyrant's hand descends on England, a conqueror with his armies, let none think to escape. None, say I. Is there one of English blood who while he lives will feel the joy as heretofore of primroses in spring, the scent of summer meadows, the carolling of birds, the good fellowship of market day? The very laughter of the children will be hollow. We shall be a different people. Mr. Speaker, we are not of different fibre from our forebears."

Thus Mr. Pitt, in one of his rarest moods, in 1803, and the moving sentences refute the libel that he was cold and bloodless. Every word is no less true of today, save that it would be reckoned a crime for our children to laugh at all.

England has risen to a peak of greatness which, in Victor Hugo's phrase, has "enchanted the good." Who are the good? They are the good citizens, the good, decent folk of every nation throughout the world who fondly cherish either the actuality or the memory of Public Faith and Public Liberty as the secular religion of the State. They rejoice to know England once more "backed by God and the sea" and presenting a dauntless front to embattled hatred.

It always gives me singular pleasure when I light upon outspoken and ungrudging tributes paid by eminent Americans to the English character as being the nearest in kind to their own. Happily, there have always been such Americans, even when Anglo-American relations have been at their worst, who have not shrunk from proclaiming their faith in Great Britain as one of the strongest pillars of political Liberty.

Ignoring the froth and spume of current controversies, refusing to be swayed by this section or that of American opinion which has had its own reasons for nursing an ancient grudge with England; unmoved by transient squabbles over boundaries and tariffs or resentments at ill-kept pledges, or what has seemed a wilful lack of sympathy and understanding, these Americans have never doubted that the British people were like-minded with themselves on the major problems of public and private conduct. The blood tie counts each year for less and less as the earliest strains become more diluted. What matters now is similarity or identity of ideal, codes of conduct, rules of life.

Freedom Is At Stake

Let us cherish fine sayings like these and forget the querulous fault-finding of lesser men. The United States have recently sent many of their shrewder observers over here to see how the English could stand up to the Blitzkrieg; how they could take severe punishment; and to discover whether they had a sporting chance. Such of their reports as I have seen breathe the kindness not of pity but of admiration—just as one would have it be.

As in 1918, so now. Then Mr. Page, the United States Ambassador, while protesting that he "daily grew stronger in his Americanism—real Americanism, not the hyphenated counterfeit," declared his belief that "the only invincible thing in Europe are these same English." And he added: "Just when you'd like to hang them for their stupidity, you become aware of such noble stuff in them that you thank God that they were your ancestors. And Europe would be a bloody slave to-day but for them."

More than half Europe actually is a "bloody slave pen" to-day thanks to Hitler. The best hope of the slaves lies in the prowess of the fighting men of Britain and the Demelians and the aid and courage of the ordinary men and women of what Kipling loved to call the "stiff upper lip."

How To Conquer U.S.A.

(Condensed from the book "Nichi Bei Sen Chikashi" (Japanese-United States War Imminent), published in Tokyo).

WHEN and where a Japanese-American war will be fought we cannot say. No matter from what motives hostilities may come to be opened, or whether we assume the offensive or the defensive, there can be no doubt that Hawaii will be the most important strategic point in a war between America and Japan.

Success or failure in the struggle for this strategic point will prove a decisive factor in the war. With the Hawaiian Islands as her base of operations, America could bomb Tokyo or Osaka without

much difficulty, provided she uses aeroplanes and airships of superior quality.

While Hawaii is an American possession, Japan would have to remain on the defensive. But if, on the contrary, Japan occupies the islands, her fleet would find itself in a position not only to assume the offensive, but also to bomb the cities on the west coast of America.

In a war with America, therefore, we must at all costs, even at the sacrifice of a few vessels, take possession of Hawaii. The distance between Hawaii and the

By Kiykatsu Sato

American continent is a little smaller than that between the islands and Japan. This would mean that at the outbreak of hostilities the American fleet or fleets of warships would be able to get to the islands before the Japanese, in so far as both fleets have the same speed. For this reason our navy must needs possess ships far speedier than American.

If the main squadron of America were in the Hawaiian waters at the outbreak of war, then a clash between the American and Japanese main fleets would have to take place somewhere between the islands and Yokohama. Should our navy emerge victorious from this battle, it would be able to occupy Hawaii, and its subsequent operations would be facilitated.

The opposite result of this battle would compel the Japanese Navy to remain on the defensive and would render its operations extremely difficult. The great thing is, therefore, for Japan to see that hostilities are opened before the main strength of the American Fleet is brought to Hawaii and that her naval operations take place with lightning speed.

The struggle for Hawaii thus constitutes the first stage of a Japanese-American war. On the assumption that Hawaii was captured by our navy, the Japanese forces would undertake, as the next step, the task of destroying the Panama Canal and the main squadron of America.

If the Japanese Navy succeeded in crushing the American Fleet in the Pacific, landing on the Pacific coast of America would become easy.

At the same time the Panama Canal must be destroyed, as the maintenance of traffic through it would facilitate supplies to the American Navy.

Attacks should be made on the canal by an effective air fleet. The destruction of the canal and the American Fleet would literally be half the battle. Thus would end the second period of the war.

The third period would begin with a landing of Japanese forces on the western coast of the American continent and the work of destroying the cities and naval ports on the west.

The next course would be to form the main line of defence along the Rocky Mountains, so that our military troops might be massed in the occupied areas along the coast.

Preparations made west of the Rockies, our army would now take the offensive and advance towards the east coast. This would usher in the fourth and the last period of the war.

Each period would probably last one or two years; the third and the fourth periods would last the longest. Thus the war would last at least six or seven years; it might even drag out to last longer. If and when Japan, forestalled by America, finds it impossible to occupy Hawaii, her navy would see the wisdom of deferring a decisive battle with the American ships till full preparations were completed.

Meanwhile, our coast might be subjected to bombardment and the main cities to attacks from the air. Our army would have to defend the coast facing the Pacific and stave off the enemy's landing, while our flotillas of destroyers and submarines would watch for an opportunity of attacking the enemy's capital ships.

When thoroughly ready, our main squadron would go forth and battle decisively with the enemy's. A victory for the Japanese Navy would naturally be followed by the capture of Hawaii and other operations, as described before.

Whether Japan acts on the offensive or on the defensive, a war with America would certainly be a protracted one. Involving much sacrifice and demanding the united efforts and undiminished perseverance of the nation as a whole.



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Defence Plea In Court Martial: No Case Made Out

A PLEA THAT Captain H. L. Reeves, R.E., had no case to answer was submitted by the Defending Officer, Lieutenant H. S. Badger when the court-martial was resumed with 22 charges, relating to certain deficiencies in fuel lubrication accounts.

Lieut. Badger submitted that the Prosecution had not established a prima facie case against the accused; and that he should not, therefore, be called upon for his defence.

"For the purpose of the submission, I will divide the 22 charges against the accused into the same four groups as those into which they were divided by the Prosecution.

"The first group comprises the charges numbered 1, 2 and 3. Each of these charges contains a common feature in that, before the accused can be called upon to answer any one of them, it must be established beyond all doubt that on September 30, 1940, there existed discrepancies between the balance shown by the Ledger and the remaining stocks held by the accused as Officer in charge of the Petrol and Lubricant Account in the nature (in the case of the first charge) of certain deficiencies and (in the case of the third charge) of certain surpluses."

"Logically Unsound"

2/Lt. Badger then explained in detail the method by which the Prosecution had endeavoured to establish that such discrepancies existed on that day, and added: "This method, though logically unsound, is mathematically correct."

The Defending Officer accepted certain figures produced by the prosecution; but he did not accept—and he asked for the Court not to accept—the figures representing the actual stocks on October 28, 1940, and proceeded: "Before I examine the method by which, according to the evidence for the prosecution, the 'Actual Stocks' on October 28, were ascertained, let me remind the Court that the resulting figures form an integral part of the calculation upon which the prosecution has based its allegations of discrepancies and, as such, require the most careful scrutiny."

He then examined the evidence showing how those figures were arrived at on October 27, and continued: "On October 28 those figures were checked by Major Murray and Capt. Le Seelleur. Let me first remind the Court that Capt. Le Seelleur is the witness put forward by the Prosecution to testify as to the accuracy of those figures. He says, 'We had a long piece of wood and we stuck it into the barrels. Some of the barrels were full; some were not. We gauged roughly those that were full—I mean, we took as full. The dip-stick was not graduated; but we had a tape-measure, or ruler, or something, with us. Major Murray measured along the stick with something and we thus agreed what the contents of each barrel were.'

"As I have said, Capt. Le Seelleur has been brought forward by the prosecution to verify the figures in the Exhibits 'N.1' and 'N.2' representing the Stock on October 28, 1940. Let me quote a little more of his evidence under cross-examination relating to the checking of those figures.

Q. "Was a note made of the contents at the time when they were examined? I refer to the contents of the Store."

A. "Well, that is, no—of the contents of the Store. Major Murray was checking stock himself. I was checking at the same time. At the end of it, we compared our answers, and when we agreed I wrote them down; and I altered some of the figures accordingly."

Q. "Even at that time you and he could not agree?"

A. "Yes, I agreed with him."

Q. "If his computation differed from yours, you agreed that his was correct?"

A. "Yes."

"A Travesty"

"What a travesty! And the Prosecution uses figures arrived at and 'checked' in that manner upon which to base these serious charges against the accused."

Dealing with the second group of charges, which comprised those numbered 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and

16, he said—"In each of these charges, the accused is charged with being privy to the making of a false statement in a document of which it was his duty to ascertain the accuracy."

His first argument with regard to the second group followed from the fact that, in each charge, it was alleged that the Army Form G.825 to which the charge related was a document of which it was the duty of the accused to ascertain the accuracy.

He examined the evidence given by Major Grose, pointing out that at the time when the accused was alleged to have committed the offences he was accused's Company Commander, and said that his orders were that the accused should check back and find out to whom the issues had been made and obtain signatures from those people.

The Defending Officer enumerated certain facts to which Major Grose had deposed, including, "That, so far as he knew, in order to carry out his instructions the accused would have to rely on his own and other peoples' memories."

Accused's Duty

He added—"In view of the orders given to accused by Major Grose (his superior Officer), and in view of the knowledge which Major Grose admits having had of what those orders entailed, can it be said that it was the duty of the accused to ascertain the accuracy of the Army Forms which came into existence as a result of such orders? I submit that it cannot."

Each of these charges alleged that the Accused was privy to the making of a false statement in an Army Form G.825. The Prosecution had not adduced one shred of evidence to show that the accused ordered anybody to sign the Form or get it signed, saw anybody sign it, or knew that it was ever going to be signed and he submitted that, in the absence of that evidence, the prosecution could not possibly support any allegation that the accused was privy to the making of the statement in that document, for—he said—the document did not contain any statement until it bore a signature.

No Signature

The third group of charges comprises those numbered 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17. Each of these charges alleged conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that the accused ordered Sapper Kuester to make on Army Form G.825 an entry purporting to show that a certain quantity of a stated commodity had been issued to a certain person on a certain date, not being satisfied that that quantity of that commodity had in fact been so issued.

The Defending Officer's argument with regard to that group was based upon a technical point, namely, that under no circumstances could an Army Form, G.825 purport to show that there had been an issue until it bore a signature. His contention was that the mere preparation of the form did not purport to show that anything had been issued to anybody; and, he said, the evidence showed that all the accused had done was to order Sapper Kuester to prepare the forms.

His argument with regard to the fourth group of charges (those numbered 18 to 22 inclusive) each of which alleged that the accused persuaded or induced Lt. Otway to sign an Army Form G.825 purporting to show that a certain quantity of paraffin had been issued to soldiers under Lt. Otway well knowing that that quantity was an estimate was based upon his contention that the evidence of Lt. Otway (which he examined in detail) showed that the witness signed the forms of his own volition.

Having considered all the charges the Defending Officer added

"Out of the most gloomy subjects, a touch of humour almost invariably arises, and this is no exception. Look at the first two Exhibits in the bundle, each on

MORE U.S. SHARES CALLED IN

A further Treasury Order issued in London yesterday transfers a large number of additional American dollar securities to the British Treasury.

Stocks affected include American Tobacco Company 6 per cent cumulative preferred, Anaconda Copper, First National Bank of the City of New York, and General Motors \$5 cumulative preferred stock.

Sixty groups of bonds transferred include various issues of United States Treasury Bonds and certain bearer and registered bonds of Union Pacific Railway.—Reuter.

7-YEAR-OLD GIRL AS A TOUT

Before Mr. H. G. Sheidon, K.C., this morning, two widows, Kan Yi, 35, and Kan Mui, 35, were fined \$50, or one month's imprisonment, in connection with the bringing of an unregistered ward, Kan Kam, seven years old, into the Colony.

Mr. H. W. Fraser said that at about 11.45 p.m. on January 8, Miss P. Harrop, Lady Assistant of the S.C.A., was outside the Seamen's Institute, Gloucester Road, when she saw the girl accosting a sailor. Miss Harrop took the girl to the S.C.A.

The following day, the girl took Miss Harrop to No. 85, Jaffe Road, where first accused was found. She claimed to be the aunt of the girl. According to the girl, she did not live in the premises, but she usually guided men to the place.

Second accused was arrested at No. 80, Jaffe Road, where she kept the girl.

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WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is stationary over China and the neighbouring seas, and has increased in intensity to the north of Shantung. The depression is situated to the south-east of Hokkaido, moving eastward.

Gnr. G. Khan, of Mount Davis Fort, has reported the theft of clothing, valued at \$57.62, from his quarters yesterday.

A.F. G.925. In respect of the first, the prosecution alleges that it purports to show that an issue was made to the person who signed it; in respect of the second, they allege that it purports to show that an issue was made to persons other than he who signed. Even the prosecution is at a loss consistently to interpret this troublesome Army Form.

He then reminded the Court that its task was to consider the evidence in the light of the 22 specific charges which the accused faced, and to ignore completely everything which was not relevant to those charges.

Finally, Lieut. Badger declared: "On the grounds which I have laid before the Court I submit—with regard to each one of those 22 charges—that it is not supported by the evidence and that, accordingly, the accused should not be called upon for his defence."

BULGARIA WARNED TIMES ARE DANGEROUS

GERMANY'S NEW TRADE AGREEMENT

German broadcasts are giving great prominence to the new agreements with Soviet Russia, and of the three Germany seems to be most interested in the extending of existing trade treaties.

These, they claim, will bring about a larger exchange of goods, and propaganda to the Home front hints that they are being used as a "counter-blast" to the growing realisation inside Germany of what American help will mean to Britain.

The "Voelkische Beobachter" calls it the "greatest economic pact ever concluded between States."

Soviet broadcasts devote more attention to the demarcation of the frontier between Germany and Russian-occupied Lithuania and to the exchange of German nationals in Baltic countries for Baltic nationals in Germany.

There is little comment in London, although many trade experts are sceptical about any expansion of Soviet-Nazi trade, pointing out that agreements in force are already believed to provide for larger exchanges than has been possible to carry out.

Germany primarily wants oil, followed by grain and raw materials, and the supplies she can get from Russia are limited by Russia's own requirements and the serious difficulties in transport. — Reuter.

Soviet Makes Her Attitude Plain

The following statement was issued by the official Tass agency broadcast from Moscow last night:

"If German troops are at present in Bulgaria, or are being sent to Bulgaria, this is taking place without the knowledge or consent of the Soviet Union." — Reuter.

FIREMEN CALLED TO AID IN AN ARREST

A TOTAL OF EIGHT MONTHS' HARD LABOUR WAS IMPOSED BY MR. H. G. SHELTON, K.C., THIS MORNING, ON LEUNG MAN, 30, FOR LARCENY OF \$64, TWO \$5 NOTES OF THE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND, AND A WRIST WATCH FROM INSPECTOR C. STRANGE, NO. 125, WONGNEICHUNG ROAD. DEFENDANT WAS ALSO CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.

Detective Sergeant J. Bentley told the Court that Inspector Strange was in his room about 10 a.m. yesterday when he heard a noise. He went out and saw defendant running away. He gave chase, and defendant managed to climb up to the roof of the house. The Police were informed but were unable to get up to the roof. With the help of the Fire Brigade, defendant was eventually brought down from the roof. Defendant admitted that he had been in the same premises on December 12, last year. Defendant was also ordered to be recommended for banishment.

THE BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER, M. FILOFF, IN A SPEECH AT RUSTCHUK YESTERDAY, POINTED OUT, ACCORDING TO A SOFIA TELEGRAM, THAT DESPITE BULGARIA'S DESIRE FOR PEACE SHE MIGHT HAVE TO GO THROUGH A "TRAGIC TIME."

M. Filoff, who has just been on a visit to Vienna, added: "The question of peace or war does not depend on the small countries."

The Government's policy, he said, had always been peaceful but at the same time revisionist, and "from the start we have desired revision and we continue to ask for peaceful revision."

Mentioning the cession of Southern Dobrudja to Bulgaria by Rumania, he said: "The Bulgarian Government is convinced it can go further along the same path, and would be happy if other injustices could be repaired."

M. Filoff affirmed that it was Bulgaria's duty to "be ready to defend our vital interests and to face up to any evenuality that might occur."

Mr. Filoff, who reaffirmed Bulgaria's policy of peace and neutrality and revision by peaceful means, showed discreet sympathy with the Axis and the "new order" in Europe, but carefully avoided any hint of the possibility of German intervention.

Roosevelt "Cataclysm"

He remarked: "The gigantic cataclysm caused by the speeches and decision of President Roosevelt may provoke a world war."

"Bulgaria must be cautious, for it is necessary to know not only who will conquer but how victory will be achieved."

"We see clearly that there will be a new Europe after the war, which will affect Bulgaria like other States."

Appeal For Calm

It was essential that Bulgaria should remain calm and show no partisanship. Bulgarians must be neither Germanophil nor Anti-

Germanophil, only ready to sacrifice all for Bulgaria.

In another passage M. Filoff made another appeal to Bulgarians to "remain calm and ready for any emergency."

The Nazi, like the Communist system of government was unsuitable for Bulgaria, he also said. The speech was broadcast by all Bulgarian radio stations.

Claim In Thrace

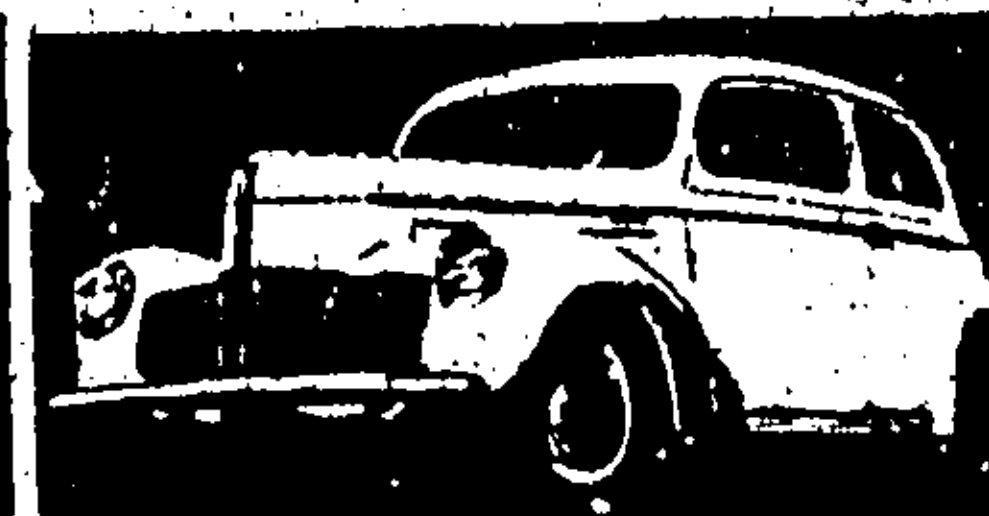
Meanwhile, the newly-signed Russo-German trade pact was termed by the Bulgarian press yesterday as "a reply to President Roosevelt's decision to help Britain."

The Sofia newspapers feel that a strengthening of Russo-German relations would be very beneficial for the maintenance of peace in the Balkans and for Bulgaria's prospects of realising peacefully her revisionist claims, "first in western Thrace". — Reuter.

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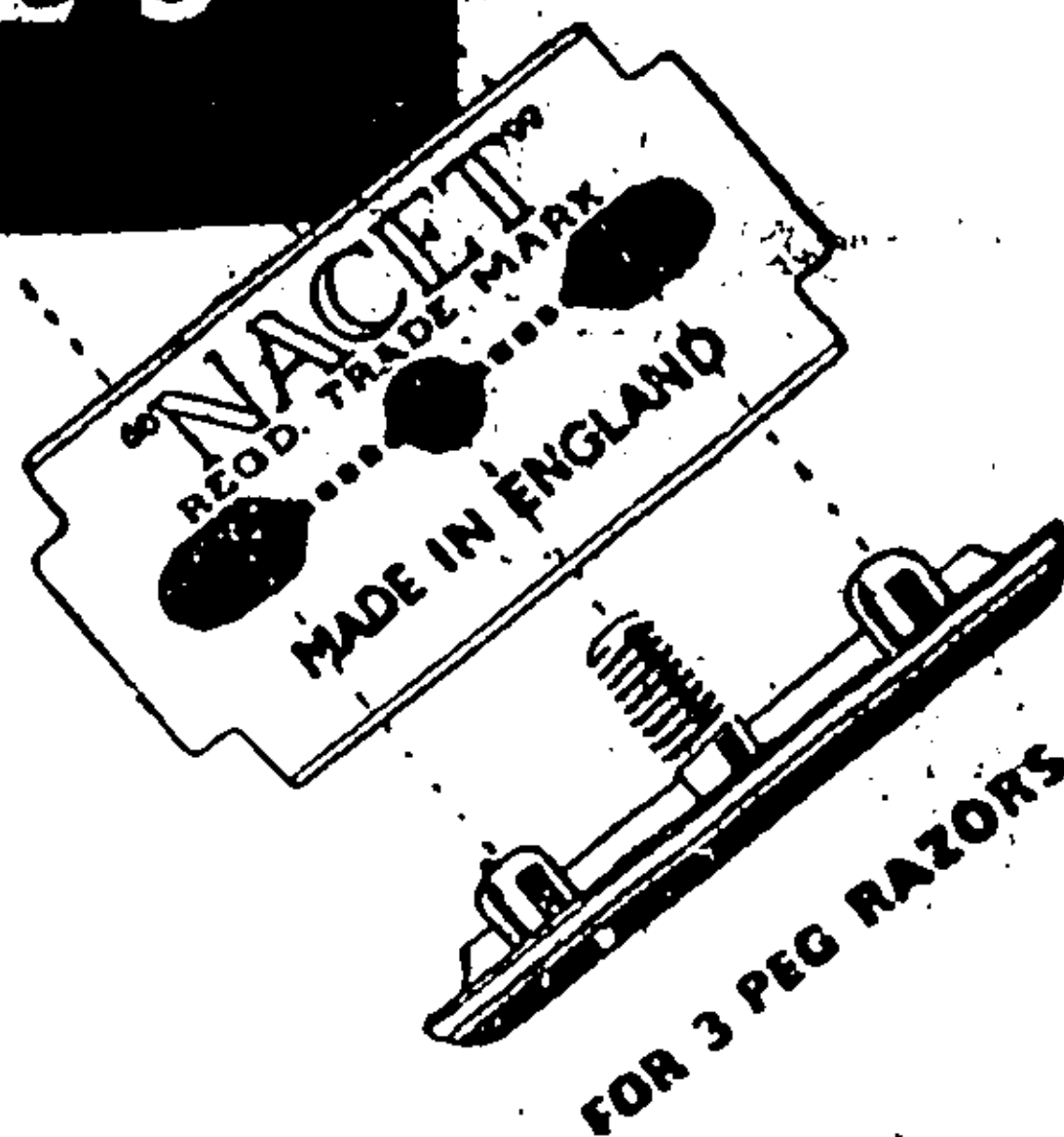


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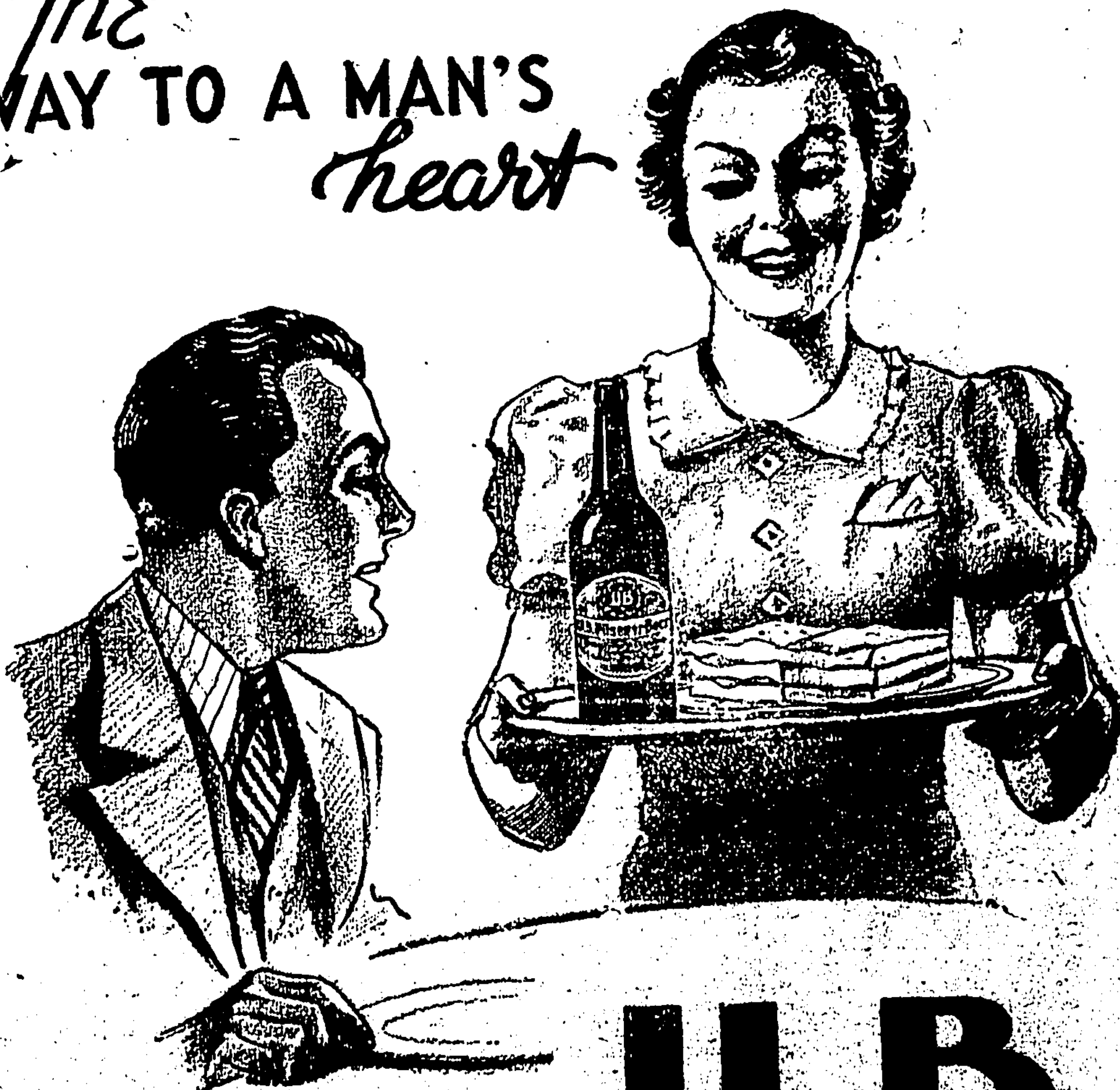
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Mr. McGovern will ask if in the interests of both countries, the Minister will take steps to put an end to the propaganda now circulating in this country against Eire, particularly that relating to the refuelling of submarines off the west coast of Ireland from Free State sources.

RIVETS STOLEN FROM DOCKS

Pleading guilty to stealing 20 pounds of rivets from the Kowloon Docks yesterday, Ma Chai, 27, coolie, who had previous convictions, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was searched when leaving the Docks and the rivets were found under his jacket.

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STONE GUARDS OF SPITHEAD

Victorian Forts Still Serve

While the new defences, which in the last few months have transformed the shores of England from playgrounds to bristling fortresses, can be referred to only in the most general way, there is no reason for not mentioning the Spithead forts by name. They have been there since Palmerston's day, and everyone who has crossed to the Isle of Wight has seen their tubby forms.

It is a curious experience to be the guest of the war-time garrisons out here. Southsea promenade is not far away, and the Isle of Wight is still nearer, but if the sea is angry or a fog comes down you may be cut off from land for days on end.

The guest sees much that is attractive in this possibility, for his hosts are the best of good fellows; and while they have vitally responsible work to do, they are sensible enough to make their strange existence on their small islands of masonry reasonably comfortable.

Army in Command

The conditions of life are partly those of a lighthouse and partly of a warship. The Army is in command but the Navy is a close collaborator.

The forts are more numerous than the average passenger on the Ryde packet would suppose, and it may be said, without going into details, that they are more formidable than in Palmerston's day. They are built on sandbanks, and much of the accommodation is below the sea.

These Victorian forts were built at what was for the period, gigantic cost, and are enormously massive.

VILLAGE FED 350,000

Meal For all Dunkirk Men

The Kentish village of Headcorn, nine miles south-east of Maidstone, will for ever be associated with the feat of the Royal Army Service Corps as the hundreds of thousands of exhausted B.E.F. men poured home from Dunkirk. It was here that the majority of the trains London-bound from the Channel ports were first stopped. And here every man was fed.

A stop of eight minutes for each train was all that could be allowed. Besides over 300,000 men of the B.E.F. there were upwards of 50,000 Frenchmen, Belgians, Dutchmen and Poles. One hundred trains daily carried them all inland. This went on for 12 days.

Regulations Relaxed

All official regulations were relaxed to cope with the great problem of feeding so many men. The unit of the R.A.S.C., which was at the spot was at the time not very much over peace-time strength. It called on civilian help, and there were willing hands in plenty.

Mountains of sandwiches grew half a dozen times a day on the station platform and half a dozen times went down again. Fresh beef was roasted on spit in open trenches beside the railway track. One district bakery alone produced 50,000 loaves of bread daily.

With so little time to spare, everything had to be handed in through carriage windows.

BRIDGE NOTES

WINNING A TOP By The Four Aces

At Rubber Bridge, South's feat would be of minor importance, but since it took place in a tournament, winning two tricks more than any other South player won him a top score:

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
K J 5
10 6 3
A K Q 5
A K 6
Q 7 4
K Q
J 9 8 4
Q 10 9 3
N
W
E
S
A 10 9 8 6 3
7
7 3
J 8 5 2
A J 9 8
5 4 2
10 6 2
7 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	1♥	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of hearts and continued with the Queen, South ruffing. South knew that

a 3-1 split of the outstanding trumps was more likely than a 2-2 split; and West's possession of two heart honours indicated that East's bid had been based on unusual heart length. That length, in turn, indicated probable shortness in some other suit — most likely spades. South therefore decided to play East for a singleton spade.

At the third trick, therefore, South cashed the spade Ace; and then he finessed dummy's spade Jack. The spade King drew West's last trump, and the Ace and King of clubs were cashed in preparation for a squeeze. South regained the lead by ruffing a heart and led his last trump. Dummy could spare the low club, but any discard by West would establish either dummy's last diamond or South's Jack of clubs.

At most other tables, the trump finesse was not taken and the squeeze was not executed. Most declarers therefore lost a trump, a heart, and a club — making only ten tricks instead of the twelve which took the top score.

Saturday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for your side, you held:

5 8
6 3
A K J 8 6
K 7 4 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maier	You
Pass	Pass	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Pass. Opening the bidding fourth-hand without the slightest vestige of strength in the majors is doubtful wisdom under any circumstances, but worse when you have a part-score. The opponents will surely bid and will either drive you too high or will themselves make a part-score in one of the major suits.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for one diamond.

Question No. 612

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

J 7
Q 8 5
K 10 8 6
K 10 8 7

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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BOMB ROME, SAY TURKS

The R.A.F. should bomb Italian bases and Italian cities, including Rome.

That advice is given by the Turkish radio. It would be the best way for Britain to help Greece, it was added.

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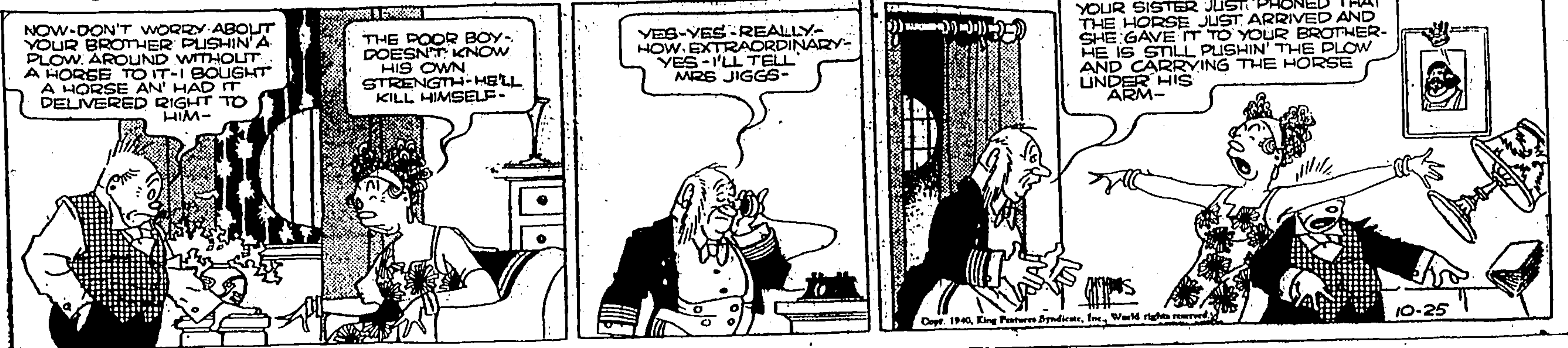
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"Clifford, my glasses are upstairs — will you look up the number of the police for me?"

Here's Luck EWO BEER

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Informal Evening Fashion

Coiffures, like hat fashions, have their cycles. For years you recall, the sleek mannish bob held its sway. Then suddenly waves and ringlets appeared on every feminine head to be followed by the upswept fashion which almost banished hats from a woman's wardrobe. Currently the long bob and pompadour is being favoured but if we heed the predictions of our more advanced hair stylist we are in for a new sleekness of hair styling—not a mannish sleekness but a very feminine, sculptured, classic sleekness.

Josef, hair stylist of a fashionable beauty salon, is first to sponsor what he calls the draped-coiffure. It is a classic revival of hair-do inspired by Greek and Roman sculpture with the accent on simplicity of line instead of decoration. If you know your ancient art you will recall that Greek heads were sharply outlined, the hair plastered closely in flat swirls or soignée short flat half-curls.

This new draped coiffure, we are told, is in harmony with a current trend for greater simplicity in fashion. No bangs, no fluff, no fat curls to destroy the symmetry of a beautiful feminine head. Or no waves piled high with clustered, distracting ringlets.

The hair is treated in the same manner as Alix treats fabrics—it is draped to the contour or one's head. Drawn back smoothly from the face with soft folded curls on the sides and a drapery effect cascading down the back. A coiffure which is equally flattering for day or evening, to young or mature, and easily managed.

It Is Dramatic

I must confess the effect of this new coiffure is dramatic after seeing all the frizzed arrangements of the past few years. One youthful American milliner, Eve Tartar, has condoned the new fashion by creating a version of skullcap which hugs the head closely and boasts of piped, slits which permits the flat half-curls to be pulled



THE COIFFURE EVENING HAT created jointly by Josef of Helena Rubinstein and Eve Tartar, designer. One's hair is drawn through slits of the material forming an attractive sculptured frieze.

ed through the hat material and thus becoming part of the hat-design. A veil of contrasting colour, (possibly accenting one's lipstick shade) is worn low in back thus dramatising more the importance of the sleek hair-do. If the hat material colours are your best colours the chances are you will look as beguiling as a Greek Goddess, with all attention riveted on your beautiful open face and nicely poised head!

Watch Drapery Trend

You who dislike the pompadour or long-bob may well experiment with the new plastique effect for Dame Fashion is predicting that we are in for a siege of draped gowns for both daytime and evening—little ornamentation, exquisite lines, rich materials, very feminine in appearance. If this is true our coiffures will follow the lead for who can imagine a beautiful woman artistically draped in lush fabric to reveal pleasing curves with her hair touching her shoulder in an untidy, unbecoming deb-bob or her head dressed in a fluffy, frizzy pompadour making it look twice its actual size? Oh, hum—this fashion, business keeps us bustling, but isn't it fun?

Sausages Become A Party Dish When Fixed This Way

"Dear sweet patience! what a way to treat good honest sausages!" exclaimed my favourite old lady when I set this dish before her. But after the first tentative nibble, she loved it. "It's that sauce," she said. "It dresses up the whole dish and gives it flavour and zest." It does, too. But, to start at the beginning, here is the way I transform ordinary every day sausages into a fine company dish:



Sausages With Celery

2 cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons shortening
2/3 cup, (approximately) milk
8 sausages (partially cooked)

Sift flour with baking powder and salt. Cut in shortening until mixture is as fine as corn meal. Add milk, mixing until a soft dough is formed. Knead lightly on floured board. Roll out about ¼ inch thick. Cut into oblong pieces and roll each sausage (partially cooked) in the dough. Place in a buttered pan and bake in a hot oven (425 F.) for 15 minutes. Serve with Celery-Mushroom Sauce. Serves 4-6.

Celery-Mushroom Sauce:
1 tablespoon butter
¾ cup celery, chopped fine
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
½ cup milk
¼ teaspoon grated lemon rind

Cook the celery in the butter for 10-15 minutes or until soft. Then add the cream of mushroom soup and stir well. Add the milk and grated lemon rind. Heat to blend flavour. Serve over the Sausage Rolls. Makes approximately 1½ cups of sauce.



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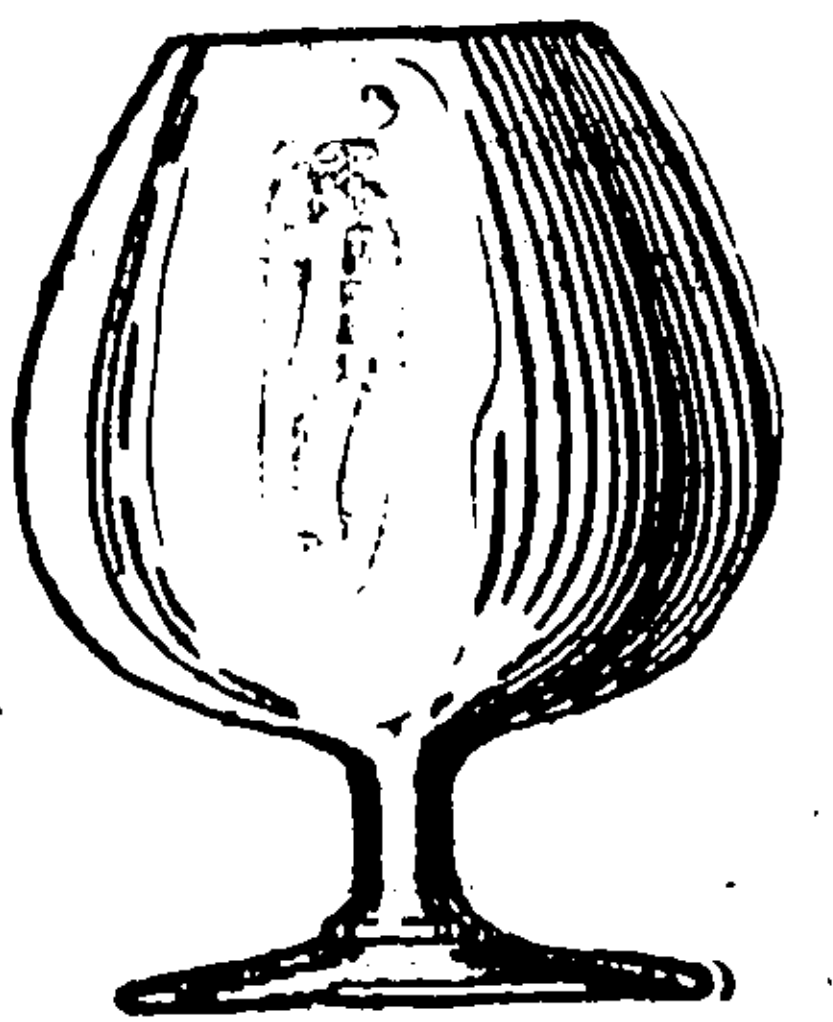
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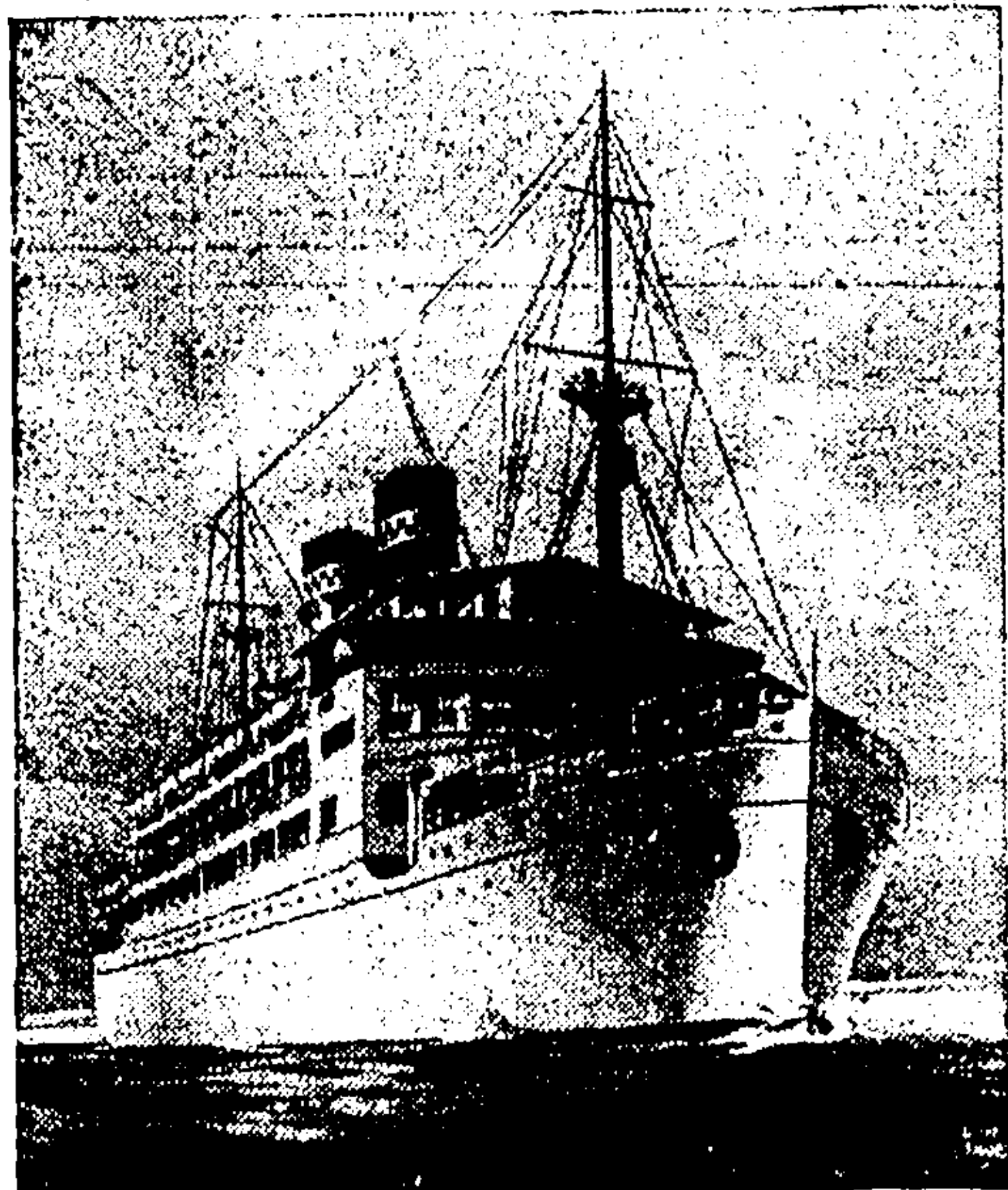
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1.03 p.m.—Bizet—Symphony No. 1 in C Major.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Elsie and Doris Waters in Variety.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—New Dance Music.

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7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—This week's Programmes.

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"Greatest danger which the new regulation will help to prevent is leakage of information," said an official.

"Then pen pal system was obviously a heaven-sent opportunity for spies to get into touch with soldiers to learn the whereabouts of troops and other military information."

Anyone wishing to enter into correspondence with a soldier must direct his or her application to the Soldiers' Correspondence Department, British Legion Headquarters, Cardigan House, Richmond, Surrey.

Any soldier who wants a pen pal should apply to the department through his C.O.

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Tse Kam-hung in place of the injured Lee Kwok-wai was very shaky in defence and was the cause of two of the goals against his side. He could not get the



HONG KONG BOWLING ALLEYS

By "Sportshawk"

Pope was the outstanding player in the Police's intermediate-line, giving little rope to Wong King-cheong, Kwong Wah's left-wing.

Moss In Form

Lee Kwok-kee, for Kwong Wah, was the better of the two 'keepers' and was very sound when called upon, though he was not often tested, while Leung Pak-wai had no difficulty in covering Police's right-wing. Wong Man-kwai, whenever the latter was approaching the winners' defence.

Cheung Kim-fai distinguished himself in the pivotal position for Kwong Wah.

Kwong Wah's Forwards Shine

Chin Chi-lun (3), Cheuk Shek-kam (2), Lau Fook-tsun and Wong King-cheung were the goal scorers for Kwong Wah, while Moss netted both goals for Police.

KWONG WAH—Lee Kwok-kee; Chung-fai-lam and Leung Pak-wai; Yeung Chi-cheung, Chung Kim-fai and Cheung Wing; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tim Yung-fat, Chin Chi-lun, Lau Fook-tsun and Wong King-cheung.

POLICE—Manning; Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu; Pope, Gough and North; Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Lau Pak-hung, Ferrier and Moss.

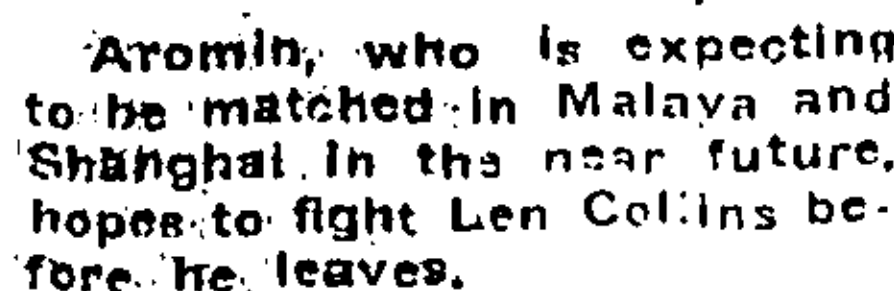
FOOTBALL

Lapsley of Kowloon has been chosen for his first representative game. He will play for Civilians against Navy on Sunday, January 26, on the K.F.C. ground.

Ken Farrow, captain of Club seniors, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Davis, who was recently registered by Club, and who is now timbering up in the junior team, is reported to be a Tientsin interpreter of great promise.

N. Delgado, former pivot of Internacional Club, has signed up for his old club and will be playing at



CORRESPONDENCE

I wish to challenge Young Aromin or any Bantamweight in the Colony.

GOLF FINAL POSTPONED

The Country Club's women's championship final, which was to have been played at Sheung Shui New Territories, yesterday, was postponed owing to the wet weather.

HOCKEY RESULTS

Following were the results of games played in Hockey Tournament yesterday:

Police A. 0, Police B. 0.
Recreio 3, Gunboats 1.
M.T.B. 0, A. N. Other XI 8.

FOOTBALL SNIPPETS

D. Mitchell, the first class referee who was forced to give up refereeing owing to his recent illness, is now fit again and will be officiating once again.

Eastern and South China are donating the proceeds of their First Division League game next Sunday to Charity. The clubs hope to raise a substantial amount as prices of admission have been considerably increased.

Yourliett, who plays hockey for M.C.A., is also a good soccer centre-half and is the outstanding player in the A.S.A. football team.

Following have been chosen to represent the Civilians against Navy in the Semi-Final of the Lal Bahadur Shastri Cup on 11th Dec 01.

Regular classes are held on Wednesdays and Sundays and it is expected that the movement will grow as the ladies become more expert and tell their friends!

YACHTING RESULTS

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's Fourth Cruiser Championship Series over 24 miles, sailed yesterday, resulted as follows:

DIVISION I			
	Corrected Pon.	Pts.	
Donna	14.11.26	1	10
(Mr. E. Cock).			
Red Rover	13.00.55	2	8
(Capt. R. W. Bateman).			
Morena	15.13.21	3	6
(Mr. P. C. M. Sedgwick).			
La Cigale	15.16.38	4	4
(Mr. M. V. A. Croucher).			
Yehonala	D.N.F.		
Dresund	D.N.F.		
DIVISION II			
Tyrone	15.29.46	1	7
(Mr. E. Huttenher).			
Evolene	D.N.F.		
Wah Kong	D.N.F.		1
FOUR TONNERS			
Gurlew	14.54.44½	1	9
(Mr. P. Clarke).			
Typhoon	14.56.39¼	2	7
(Mr. D. Campbell).			
Tern	14.58.42	3	5
(Mr. J. L. Anderson).			
Sai Long	15.01.01½	4	3
(Mr. J. S. Dunnett).			
Cutty	15.15.50½	5	2
(Mr. H. F. Foy).			

LINESMEN NEEDED

At meetings last week of Hong Kong Football Association and Hong Kong Football Referees' Association it was pointed out that in some junior matches some Clubs had failed to provide line-men. It was also pointed out at both meetings that the Referees concerned should report such cases to the League Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association, through the Hon. Secretary.

The Hong Kong Amateur Football League Rules state that Cubs competing in Second and Third Divisions of the League shall provide efficient linesmen for their matches, except in cases where linesmen are appointed by the Association.

It is in the interests of the game that linesmen are provided, and it is hoped that the Club Secretaries will give this very important point their attention.

ground on Sunday, January 26: Lapsley (Kowloon); Blackburn (Police) and Ulrich (Kowloon); Pope (Police), Gough (Police) and Maxwell (Kowloon); Fowler (Club); Howlett (Police); E. Gossens (Kowloon); Forster (Police) and Niersten (Club). J. McKivvie had been appointed manager

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

CRICKET

SCORING was generally high over the week-end, chief feature being a partnership between T. A. Madar and K. M. Baxter for K.C.C. 2nd XI against University. Coombes, playing for Royal Scots, registered his second century of the season, scoring 109 against H.K.C.C. "A".

BATTING	
Coombes	109
T. A. Madar	104
K. M. Baxter	103
L. T. Ride	66
A. J. Hulse	58
C. W. E. Bishop	55
F. J. Remedios	50
E. F. Fincher	47
A. R. Kitchell	45
Douglas	45
A. E. Perry	46
D. J. N. Anderson	41
A. H. Madar	39
P. M. N. da Silva	32

BOWLING	
F. M. N. de Silva	6 for 23
Bateman	6 for 41
L. A. C. Hawkins	5 for 13
N. D. Lloyd	5 for 32
A. M. Omar	5 for 33
J. Fenton	5 for 35
A. E. Carey	5 for 49
F. R. Zimmern	4 for 21
W. S. Gegg	4 for 51
A. R. Minu	4 for 32

YEARLINGS SOLD FOR £5 EACH

THE SLUMP IN PRICES AT THE SECOND AND CONCLUDING STAGE OF MESSRS. TATTERSALL'S BLOODSTOCK SALES AT NEWMARKET RECENTLY WAS VERY PRO- NOUNCED. THIRTY-EIGHT LOTS WERE SOLD FOR ONLY 1,195GS. MAKING THE TOTAL FOR THE TWO DAYS 7,554GS. FOR 147 LOTS, WRITES A COR- RESPONDENT.

An average of a little more than 51gs. for yearlings which in normal times would rouse the keenest competition in the sale ring means a very heavy loss to breeders. Some of the yearlings were almost given away.

For example, opening bids of £5 were sufficient to buy colts by such well-known sires as The Black Abbot, Tommy Atkins, Allahah and Tai-Yang.

"I never thought I would live to see the best blood on the turf sold for less than the price of bullocks" remarked a prominent breeder.

The highest price of the day was paid by R. J. Colling, the Newmarket trainer. He gave 200 guineas for the four-year-old, Holy Terror, who dead-heated with Heavy-Weight at Newmarket in May.

The chief buyer of yearlings was Mr. F. Gwillim, a West Country farmer, who trains at Pontrilas. He bought 20 lots for a total of 300 guineas. "I bought a lot of horses during the last war and did well," he said. "If there is a reasonable amount of racing next season it should not be difficult to place some of my purchases to win. I might make a big profit."

It is understood that Efigina Babida, Cardinals' first-string hurler, sustained an arm injury during the week which will prevent her from pitching for her team against the Canadian Chinese to-day. She will probably be seen at third base as a result.

"Grandpop" Leung, coach of the Chung Hwa softball team, potential junior division pennant winners, has just returned from Kwangsi, where he has been doing relief work, and it is possible that he will be included in the Chung Hwa line-up for future games.

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FOOTBALL

League football was greatly curtailed last Saturday owing to Military duties and only one First Division game was played which resulted in Middlesex beating St. Joseph's by the odd goal in three.

By beating 7th R.A. by two clear goals, Air Force are again at the top of the Third Division. Club were eliminated by 36th R.A. in the preliminary Round of the Junior shield.

RUGBY

Volunteers beat a weak Navy team at Boundary Street by 9 points to 5. Thomson, of club, scored the best try seen on Police Ground yet.

Police recorded their first win of the season when they beat a well balanced Club-Army team by two tries (6 points to nil) at Boundary Street.

Football To Stop During Air Raids

English F.A. Issues Order

FOOTBALL MUST STOP during air raid "alerts," and the spotter system recently adopted by some clubs must cease, states a message from London. This is an order of the Football Association to the clubs under their jurisdiction.

When approached on the subject the F.A. said: "The Ministry of Home Security has informed us that they do not feel justified in accepting the risk of bombs falling on a crowd of spectators in the open and feel bound, therefore, to request this Association to continue for the present, the practice of suspending matches when a warning is received."

At the start of the season, the Ministry of Home Security decided that in the event of an air raid

warning football matches should be suspended until the "raiders passed" signal. Managements were told to advise spectators to take refuge on the ground under the stands or in any other shelter on the ground, but not to leave the ground to seek shelter elsewhere. Spectators were at liberty to go to their homes. These general arrangements were, however, subject to any modification the police might consider desirable for any particular ground.

Spotters on The Roofs

Many clubs, spectators and players are of the opinion, now that the warning is regarded as an "alert" that games could continue safely until imminent danger threatened.

Some clubs introduced spotters on the roofs of their stands to signal the approach of immediate danger and the matches have continued despite the warning. For this reason the Football Association, after consultation with the Football League, recently suggested proposals to the Ministry for a variation in procedure after warnings. As can be seen from the above, however, the Ministry are sticking to their original order.

It is understood that the main reason for the Ministry's action is the possibility of a wild rush for the shelters when the spotters' warning has been given and casualties being caused before all the people could reach them.—Reuter.

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PLAYER'S PLEASE



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WEEK'S AIR LOSSES

Seven Germans Shot Down For One British

NEW AMERICAN BATTLESHIP READY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was announced in Washington yesterday that the big new battleship "North Carolina" will be fully commissioned on April 11 in New York.

The first new battleship since 1923, the "North Carolina" is 35,000 tons and carries nine 16-inch guns. —International News Service.

GREEK PUSH IN ALBANIA

THE STRONGEST GREEK PUSH IN ALBANIA AT THE MOMENT SEEMS TO BE IN THE NORTH, WHERE THEY HAVE ADVANCED FURTHER AND ARE SWINGING WEST TOWARDS ELBASAN.

The weather has been very poor lately, but in spite of heavy rain on Saturday, Greek troops in this area took another strategic point on the way to Elbasan.

Further south, there has been slight progress in the Moshkopolis region.

A Greek communique mentions the taking of 100 prisoners and much war material "during local mopping-up" — doubtless around Klissoura. — Reuter.

Luftwaffe Stays Away

SEVEN GERMAN aircraft are confirmed to have been shot down in air battles over Britain during the week ended midnight on January 11, for the loss of only one British fighter.

SINKING OUR NAVY OVER AGAIN

"A cruiser and several other warships received heavy hits in a fresh attack on English naval units in the Mediterranean," stated yesterday's German High Command communique.

It also reports: "An enemy merchantship of 8,000 tons was sunk in Irish waters and another ship of 3,000 tons was sunk off the East Coast of England."

Saturday night's raid on London, the communique adds, was carried out by "strong bomber formations and numerous fires testified to their success."

Regarding British raids over Germany it says: "A few high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in parts of Germany, seriously damaging one house, killing three people and seriously injuring three others." — Reuter.

Detailed figures are:

	GERMAN	BRITISH
January 5	2	1
January 7	1	—
January 9	2	—
January 10	2	—

It may be noted that the Germans admit the loss of six planes on the night of January 10, when Portsmouth was attacked, the remaining four presumably being lost without direct observation by the R.A.F.

No comprehensive figures for the Western Desert are available but the following are the main facts of recent Mediterranean air fighting:—

100 In A Week

Between December 22 and January 5, inclusive, 30 Italian aircraft were confirmed destroyed in the air, and at least eight on the ground.

In the week following, over 100 Italian aircraft were destroyed, as follows:—

On January 6, 40 Italian aircraft were bombed on the ground and rendered unusable at E Adem.

On January 8, 12 were destroyed on the ground at Benina.

Malta's Bag

On January 9, five bombers were destroyed over Malta, two on the ground at Javello, and a number unspecified at Berka.

Since January 5 two Savoias were destroyed on the ground near Tuba, two at Grazala and seven at El Timi, while advancing troops found 36 previously destroyed at Gazala. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has notified that he has selected Mr. J. P. Pennefather - Evans, Senior Superintendent, Malayan Police Service, to fill the vacancy for Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong, caused by the retirement of Mr. T. H. King. Mr. Pennefather-Evans is at present on leave in England and is expected to leave for the Colony in March.

Because the war has virtually closed export markets the U.S. Department of Agriculture has decided to offer cotton growers \$25,000,000 worth of cotton goods free if they reduce 1941 plantings sufficiently to cut one million bales from the Government's previous 12,000,000 bales objective. Under the scheme, which is designed to prevent an increase in the already large cotton surplus, each cotton grower cooperating would receive Government stamps which could be used for the purchase of cotton goods in shops at retail prices. The Department of Agriculture would then redeem the stamps. — Reuter.

It was announced at reopening of the court-martial of Captain Reeves this afternoon that thirteen of the 22 charges would be dismissed. The defence was asked to proceed on the other nine charges.

A British destroyer was despatched to Mirs Bay at 7 p.m. last night following a battle between No. 1 Police Launch and a party of pirates who are believed to belong to the same gang which ransacked Ping Chau Island on Thursday.

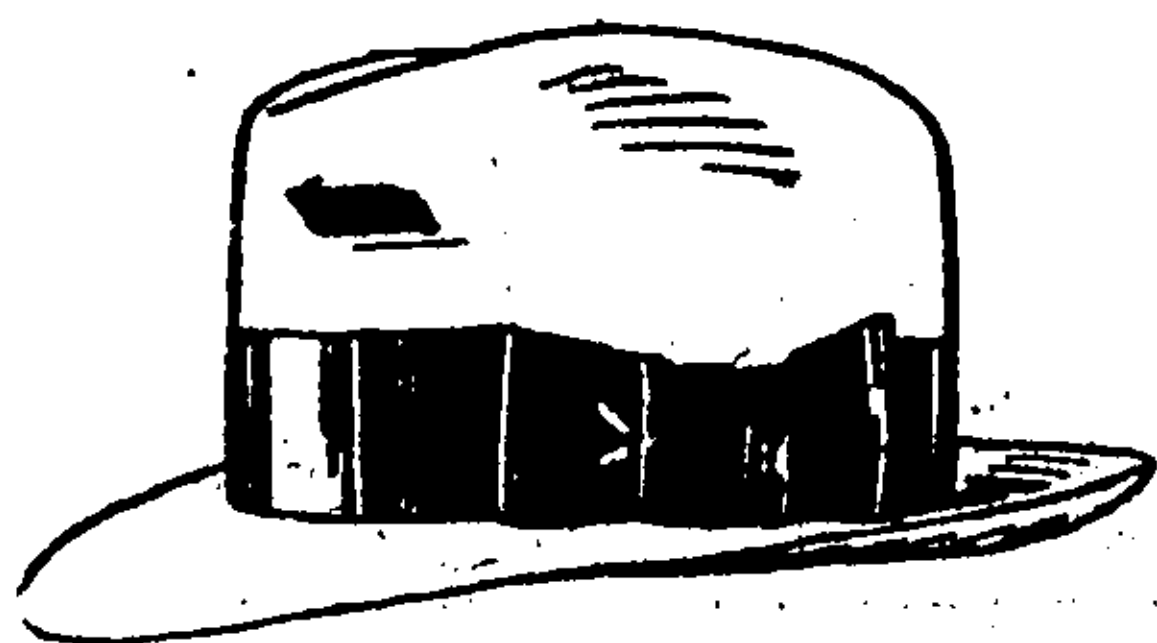
The Police launch arrived at Taiipo at 12.30 p.m. to-day with three pirate junks in tow, the pirates having made good their escape after running their boats ashore.

The police found 72 rifle bullets in the captured junks.

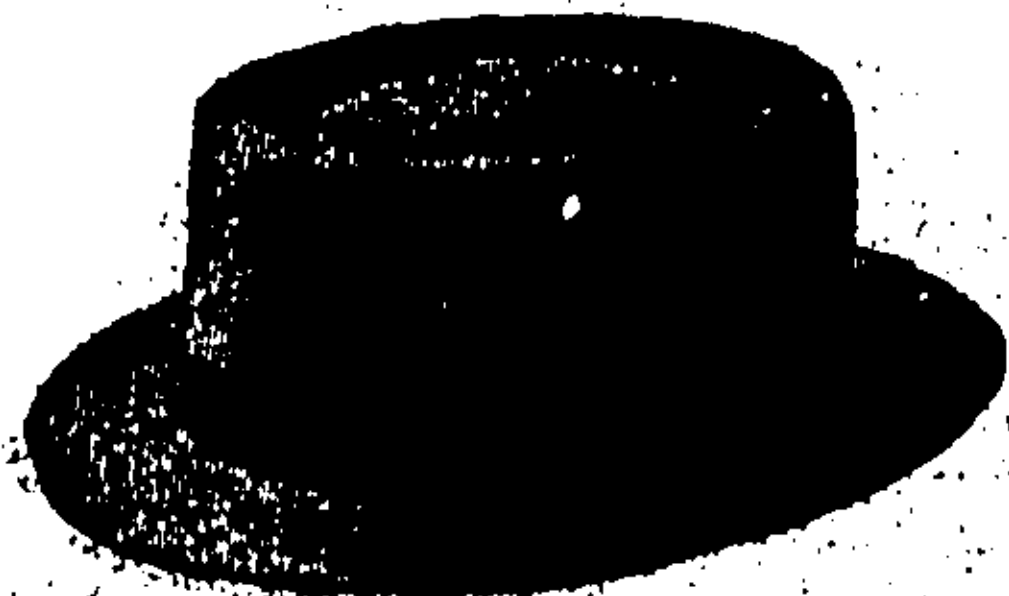


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CHINESE BARTER AGREEMENT

The third and final section of the Sino-Soviet barter agreement was signed at the end of December, according to the "Sam Tang Pao", organ of the Chinese army in Chungking, to-day.

This final section involves the Soviet purchase of Chinese mineral products in exchange for Soviet machinery and other supplies.

Total amount involved in the agreement is said to be several hundred million dollars, and is a record figure in Sino-Soviet trade relations.

All goods concerned in the agreement must be handed over to the respective parties before the end of the year.

The paper hails the agreement as further proof of increased Soviet assistance to China. — Reuter.

Li Yue-chau, of No. 82, Peel Street, has reported that at about 4 a.m. yesterday a gold pocket watch, valued at \$51, was stolen from his residence.

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RAIDER SHOT DOWN BY A.A. FIRE

An enemy bomber was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire on Saturday night, states an Air Ministry communique.

There was nothing to report during daylight on Sunday, adds the communique. — Reuter.

Twenty cases of tuberculosis, four of dysentery, three each of diphtheria and typhoid, and one of measles, were notified to the Health Authorities during the week-end.

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